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Radio Address: Legislative Republicans on Reemployment Assistance Act

MADISON – Representative Warren Petryk (R – Town of Washington), Representative Will Penterman (R – Columbus), and Senator Roger Roth (R – Appleton) released the weekly radio address on behalf of Wisconsin Legislative Republicans.

As we all meet with our constituents, business, and workers, we continue to hear the same message that the state needs to continue to find ways to help better connect businesses with employees.

Representing the other side of Wisconsin, I've also heard the same message everywhere I go. Employers are having a difficult time finding access to qualified, trained employees.

In this session, we have been working together very hard to ensure that any state workforce programs are designed to incentivize work and that all able-bodied adults in our state will have access to the resources they need to return to the workforce.

We are introducing legislation to redesign the unemployment insurance system into a workforce first program. By redesigning the purpose and scope of the UI program, we can reshape its focus from a benefits program to a reemployment program.

Our legislation would provide those on UI access to a personalized employment plan based on their skills and talents. They can then use that plan to access additional training needs for their next career.

Also, individuals would be matched up with customized jobs in their area to help them in their work search each week and provide one-on-one workforce sessions to those who are about to end their benefits.

In addition, businesses could receive a grant from a state to hire those who recently had their UI benefits end. Businesses could use this funding to help upskill these workers to get them work-ready and back into the workforce.

Audio: [http://legis.wisconsin.gov/eupdates/asm63/Radio Address Reemployment Assistance Act.wav](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/eupdates/asm63/Radio%20Address%20Reemployment%20Assistance%20Act.wav)

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