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Stadium District Closure Bill Introduced in Madison

Legislation prioritizes Lambeau Field maintenance, road repairs, law enforcement, and \$700 checks to homeowners

After seven weeks of public meetings, online surveys, and stakeholder input, Rep. David Steffen (R-Howard) began circulating his updated Stadium District Board closure bill amongst his legislator colleagues this week. “It was great to hear from Brown County residents who reached out with their thoughts on the initial draft,” said Rep. Steffen. “That input was instrumental in developing a far better bill that more closely reflects the interest of the community.”

Rep. Steffen is looking to close this 21-year-old government program, and statutorily structure the \$280 million in local ticket tax revenue generated from football games and concerts. “I have been concerned with the transparency and oversight of these enormous sums of money for years. I believe now is the time to close this under-monitored, unaccountable government program and ensure the money is directed to the priorities of the people,” said Steffen.

In response to over 150 comments received personally and by his office, Rep. Steffen reformed his bill draft with the following highlights:

- Provide every Brown County homeowner with a property tax refund check of \$700
- Guarantee full funding and independent facility maintenance oversight of Lambeau Field. This mandate on the city of Green Bay will account for roughly 50% of the city’s \$230 million in generated revenue via the proposal.
- Require the city of Green Bay to invest the excess, non-Lambeau Field maintained funds in law enforcement, road repairs, Lambeau Field and Fox River area economic development or additional tax relief checks for residents.
- Close the Stadium District by September 16, 2022.

“When a short-term government program has completed its job, it should cease to exist. This is especially true for a government program like the Stadium District, which is handling over a quarter of a billion dollars. That is simply too much public money to keep with a group of insulated appointees of a program without a statutory mission since 2015.”

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