



**2019-21  
State Budget  
Webinar**

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May 13, 2019



# Joint Finance Committee Members

## Assembly

- ❖ Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair
- ❖ Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton), Vice-Chair
- ❖ Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam)
- ❖ Rep. Mike Rohrkaste (R-Neenah)
- ❖ Rep. Terry Katsma (R- Oostburg)
- ❖ Rep. Shannon Zimmerman (R-River Falls)
- ❖ Rep. Chris Taylor (D- Madison)
- ❖ Rep. Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee)

## Senate

- ❖ Sen. Alberta Darling (R-River Hills), Co-Chair
- ❖ Sen. Luther Olsen (R-Ripon), Vice-Chair
- ❖ Sen. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst)
- ❖ Sen. Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green)
- ❖ Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville)
- ❖ Sen. Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg)
- ❖ Sen. LaTonya Jonson (D-Milwaukee)
- ❖ Sen. Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton)





Action from  
week of

May 6



# Items Removed from Budget

- Medical Marijuana & Decriminalization
- Medicaid Expansion
- Levy Limits
- Minimum Wage
- Dark Stores
- 17 year-olds
- Voter Requirements
- Redistricting
- Broadband

# Shared Revenue

- ▶ Governor Evers proposed a *2% increase* for county and municipal shared revenue
- ▶ If approved, counties would receive an additional **\$2 million statewide**
- ▶ JCF rejected the shared revenue increase
- ▶ Counties will receive the *same* shared revenue payment as the prior year

# Utility Aid

- ▶ The Wisconsin County Utility Tax Association advocated for an increase in local government utility aid payments
- ▶ Specifically, the request was to index annual payments to inflation
- ▶ Unfortunately, JCF did not take any action on the proposed amendment

# Use of Surplus Revenues from State Mental Health Institutes (MHIs)

- ▶ Governor Evers proposed utilizing \$1.446 million in surplus revenue from the state mental health institutes program revenue account
- ▶ Source of funding is charges to counties for placements in the MHIs
- ▶ Funding used for youth crisis stabilization facility and peer-run respite center for veterans
- ▶ Counties concerned about impact on future rates
- ▶ JCF adopted Governor's recommendation



# Agenda for week of

May 13





JCF will take action on the budgets of the following agencies:

- Administration -- General Agency Provisions
- Administration -- Facilities
- Administration -- Housing and Energy
- Administration -- Transfers
- Elections Commission
- State Treasurer
- Revenue -- Lottery Administration
- Employee Trust Funds
- Board on Aging and Long-Term Care
- Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
- Safety and Professional Services
- Environmental Improvement Fund
- Fox River Navigational System Authority
- Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board
- State Fair Park

# Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

- ▶ Governor's budget **eliminates** the sunset date (June 30, 2021) for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Replacement or Rehabilitation Program
- ▶ Will continue to assist homeowners and small commercial establishments meeting certain income and eligibility criteria to repair or replace eligible failing private onsite wastewater treatment systems

# Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

- ▶ We are asking JCF to concur with the Governor and lift the sunset on the POWTS Wisconsin Fund program
- ▶ We are asking for a total of 2.0 FTE positions to be added in DSPS for the streamlining and approval of the sanitary permit process
- ▶ We are asking for the maintenance inventory for counties to be extended for five years so that counties who have not completed their maintenance inspections can comply with state law

# BUDGET RESOURCES



## LFB Website:

[www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb)

- Click “Publications”
  - Budget Papers
    - 2019-21 Biennial Budget
      - LFB prepares “budget papers” or summaries
      - Each paper **includes**:
        - Current law or status of item
        - Summary of Governor’s proposal
        - Discussion points
        - Alternatives



# OTHER RESOURCES

- Both The Wheeler Report and WisPolitics also have public websites.
- **The Wheeler Report:** [www.thewheelerreport.com](http://www.thewheelerreport.com)
- **WisPolitics:** [www.wispolitics.com](http://www.wispolitics.com)
- **WisconsinEye:** [www.wiseye.org](http://www.wiseye.org)
  - WisconsinEye shows committee meeting and the Legislature live.
- **Wisconsin Counties Association:** [www.wicounties.org](http://www.wicounties.org)
  - All WCA budget documents and memos are available under the “Legislative” tab.



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# THANKS!

## Any questions?

You can also email your questions to any member of the WCA Government Affairs staff.