State Budget Webinar

May 20, 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 13
Governor Evers proposed a 2% levy limit in his budget.

JCF removed the levy limit provision along with over 100 other items in its first action on the budget.

Last week, JCF concluded its work on shared revenue and tax relief without adjusting the levy limit law (exception for stormwater mgmt.).
JCF last week intended to take up multiple areas of the budget related to Medicaid and the Dept. of Health Services.

Of particular interest to WCA were items impacting public health and income maintenance.

JCF did not take up any DHS-related issues last week and is likely to revisit these issues at the same time as other Medicaid items (e.g., expansion).
Items the JCF were scheduled to take up
  ▶ Dementia care specialists
  ▶ Birth to 3 program expansion
  ▶ Healthy aging grants

JCF was also scheduled to take up Medicaid Services Administration
  ▶ WCA request to the JCF to increase the income maintenance administration allocation, as well as IM fraud funding
WCA is seeking a $7 million grant program to assist in the upgrading of local 911 equipment.

Last week, the Dept. of Military Affairs made public that an additional $10 million annually is needed for the statewide ESInet.

While Rep. Loudenbeck and Sen. Marklein intended to introduce an amendment to the budget creating a county grant program, the DMA request led to confusion and uncertainty.

WCA is hopeful this issue will be revisited by JCF.
The Governor’s budget proposed moving the Office of Emergency Communications from DMA to DOT.
This would have included WISCOM, NG911, and FirstNet.
WCA opposed the transfer.
JCF retained the Office of Emergency Communications at DMA.
Governor’s budget **eliminates** the sunset date (June 30, 2021) for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Replacement or Rehabilitation Program

The Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) reinstated the sunset for the program and added $185,000 of Program Revenue to fully fund applications received for POWTS applications in 2019-20.
Agenda for week of May 20
JCF will take action on the budgets of the following agencies:

- Tourism
- Circuit Courts
- Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court
- Judicial Commission
- Budget Management and Compensation Reserves
- Corrections -- Departmentwide
- Corrections -- Adult Correctional Institutions
- Corrections -- Community Corrections
- Public Instruction -- General School Aids and Revenue Limits
- Public Instruction -- Categorical Aids
- Public Instruction -- Choice, Charter, and Open Enrollment
- Public Instruction -- Administrative and Other Funding
Criminal Justice Coalition seeking funding for multiple areas including additional ADAs, private bar rate, DOJ, etc.

WCA and the Coalition are requesting $7.5 million over the biennium to offset the increased court-appointed attorney compensation rate (effective January 2020)

The additional funding, if approved, would be distributed through the circuit court support payments
FY19 public library system aid totaled $16,013,100 SEG from the universal service fund
  ▪ Includes $1 million in one-time funding
  ▪ Governor’s budget provides $2.5 million SEG in FY20 and $4 million in FY21 above base level funding of $15,013,100 SEG
BUDGET RESOURCES
LFB Website:

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.
THANKS!

Any questions?

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