



**2019-21
State Budget
Webinar**

May 27, 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 Johnson (D-Milwaukee)
- ❖ Sen. Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton)





Action from week of

May 20 2019



Public Library System Aids

- ▶ 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
 - ▶ *JFC approved \$1 million SEG annually above base funding*



Agenda for week of

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

Tuesday, May 28

- District Attorneys
- Public Defender
- Circuit Courts
- University of Wisconsin System
- Natural Resources -- Departmentwide
- Natural Resources -- Environmental Quality

Thursday, May 30 - TBD

Courts 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

UW- Extension

- Cooperative Extension provides education staff to counties for multiple services including agriculture, elderly assistance, economic development, 4-H, and more.
- Funding for Extension educators is a shared partnership between local counties and Cooperative Extension.
- Since 2014, funding reductions have totaled \$3.4 million to Cooperative Extension, resulting in a decline of 30 county-based educators.
- The funding reduction has resulted in staff vacancies throughout the state and is manifesting itself in visible county and citizen discontent.

UW- Extension

- ▶ The Governor's budget provides \$1.5 million GPR and 20 positions beginning in 2019-20 and \$2 million GPR in 2020-21.
- ▶ Governor's budget also requires the Board of Regents to allocate \$1.5 million GPR in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$2 million GPR annually thereafter for extension county-based agriculture positions.
- ▶ WCA recommended to the members of the Joint Committee on Finance that they adopt alternative 2 which would fully fund UW-Extension's expansion proposal by providing \$3.375 million in 2019-20 and \$4.5 million in 2020-21 and 29 positions for county based extension educators.

Conservation Staffing and Cost Sharing Grants

- Governor's budget increased the annual funding level for the program from just under \$9.0 million to just under \$10.4 million annually.
- **Request to JCF:** WCA is supporting a stand alone motion being authored by Reps. Novak and Zimmerman increasing the annual funding level for the program from just under \$9.0 million to just under \$12.4 million.

Tipping Fee Exemption for Waste-to- Energy Facilities

- **Request to JCF:** WCA is supporting a stand alone motion being authored by Reps. Romain Quinn, Amy Loudenbeck and Sen. Tom Tiffany to exempt the Waste-To-Energy facilities in Barron and La Crosse County from tipping fee payments for up to 30% of the tonnage received.
- This is the same policy and same exemption applied to Material Recovery Facilities (MRF's) passed by the legislature in the form of 2013 Wisconsin Act 301.

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
- **WisPolitics:** www.wispolitics.com
- **WisconsinEye:** www.wiseye.org
 - WisconsinEye shows committee meeting and the Legislature live
- **Wisconsin Counties Association:** 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.