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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Meeting Under s. 13.10

June 24, 2008

Co-chair Rhoades presided and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Senators Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Darling, Olsen Representatives Rhoades, D. Meyer, Stone, Kestell, Suder, Vos, Pocan, Colón

I. Department of Commerce

Moved by Representative Rhoades and seconded by Senator Miller to transfer \$50,000 GPR from the Committee's program supplements appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(a)] in fiscal year 2007-08 to the department's appropriation for aid to Forward Wisconsin [s. 20.143(1)(bm)] in fiscal year 2008-09 to fund joint development of a plan to attract businesses to Wisconsin.

Ayes, 15; Noes, 1 [Suder]

II. Department of Public Instruction - Withdrawn

III. University of Wisconsin System

Moved by Representative Rhoades and seconded by Senator Miller to create 1.2 FTE SEG positions under the discovery farm grants appropriation [s. 20.285(1)(qr)] beginning in fiscal year 2008-09 and delete the corresponding 1.2 FTE FED positions. It is intended that 1.0 FTE program assistant position would continue to be funded by a grant from the Milk Marketing Board.

Ayes, 15; Noes, 1 [Vos]

IV. Department of Health and Family Services

Moved by Senator Taylor and seconded by Representative Stone to approve the department's request to transfer \$2,138,000 GPR in fiscal year 2007-08 from the appropriation that supports state-funded foster care and adoption assistance payments [s. 20.435(3)(dd)] to the appropriation that supports payments to individuals and agencies that provide child protective services in Milwaukee County [s. 20.435(3)(cx)].

In addition, direct the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to submit a report to the Committee by September 1, 2008, that: (a) compares funding budgeted in 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 to support Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare out-of-home care cost and contract costs with projected costs for these services in fiscal year 2008-09; and (b) indicates how the bureau will administer the program in fiscal year 2008-09 within the funding amounts budgeted in Act 20 for the program in fiscal year 2008-09.

Also, specify that if the report indicates a potential shortfall in fiscal year 2008-09 and a need to transfer funding from other appropriations in DCF to address the shortfall, require DCF to submit a s. 13.10 request to the Committee to transfer funding from other DCF appropriations for action by the Committee before DCF finalizes the calendar year 2009 service contracts.

Ayes, 15; Noes, 1 [Suder]

V. <u>Government Accountability Board</u>

Moved by Representative Rhoades and seconded by Senator Miller to release 107,500 GPR in fiscal year 2008-09 from the Committee's program supplements appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(a)] to the board's general program operations appropriation [s. 20.511(1)(a)] to provide funding for projected fiscal year 2008-09 project management costs for the conversion of the campaign finance information system.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

VI. Department of Transportation

Moved by Representative Suder and seconded by Representative Vos to modify the department's request by deleting \$173,000 SEG for a data processing management liaison.

Ayes, 4; Noes, 12 [Meyer, Stone, Pocan, Colón, Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Darling, Olsen]

Moved by Representative Rhoades and seconded by Senator Miller to modify the department's request by specifying that the fiscal year 2008-09 emissions testing contract appropriation [s. 20.395(5)(hq)] base be established at \$3,780,000 and that the Division of Motor Vehicles appropriation [s. 20.395(5)(cq)] base not reflect the requested funds for contract transition costs.

Ayes, 15; Noes, 1 [Suder]

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VII. Department of Transportation

Moved by Representative Colón and seconded by Representative Pocan to deny the department's request for \$19,989,300 SEG in fiscal year 2008-09 for the Division of Motor Vehicles to begin implementation of provisions to comply with the federal Real ID Act.

Ayes, 3; Noes, 13 [Rhoades, Meyer, Stone, Kestell, Suder, Vos, Miller, Hansen, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Darling, Olsen]

Moved by Senator Hansen and seconded by Representative Suder to modify the department's request by providing \$11,200,000 SEG in fiscal year 2008-09, instead of \$19,989,300 SEG. Specify that these funds may be used only for activities directly related to compliance with the Real ID Act. Require the department to maintain in regular service a Division of Motor Vehicles service center in every municipality where a service center was located as of June 1, 2008. Direct the department to submit a report to the Committee by December 1, 2008, that provides an account of the department's compliance-related activities and any changes in federal requirements.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 2 [Pocan, Colón]

[Secretary's Note: The supplement would be made from amounts specifically reserved for this purpose in the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(u).]

VIII. Department of Transportation

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Representative Meyer to transfer \$100,000 SEG in fiscal year 2007-08 to the department's passenger railroad station improvement and commuter rail transit system grant appropriation to fund a grant to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) commuter rail project. Specify that the department could not make this grant for the KRM commuter rail project unless the Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed an act establishing a financing mechanism sufficient to pay all nonfederal costs, including capital and operating costs, for the proposed KRM commuter rail service.

Ayes, 7; Noes, 9 [Stone, Pocan, Colón, Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa]

Moved by Senator Lehman and seconded by Senator Miller to approve the department's request for a \$100,000 SEG supplement for the passenger railroad station improvement and commuter rail transit system grants appropriation [s. 20.395(2)(ct)] in fiscal year 2007-08 to fund a grant for technical and planning work on the KRM federal new starts grant application.

Ayes, 11; Noes, 5 [Meyer, Kestell, Suder, Vos, Darling]

[Secretary's Note: The supplement would be made from amounts specifically reserved for this purpose in the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(u).]

IX. Department of Transportation

Moved by Representative Rhoades and seconded by Senator Miller to accept the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's conclusion that, since the state has reciprocal registration agreements with the Menominee Tribe, the Oneida Tribe, and the Lac du Flambeau and Bad River bands of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Committee's approval of the request would provide similar consideration to the Red Cliff and Lac Courte Oreilles bands of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

X. Department of Administration and Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Moved by Representative Rhoades and seconded by Senator Miller to approve the Chapter 20 summaries and appropriations schedules prepared by the department and Legislative Fiscal Bureau reflecting decisions of the 2007 legislative session.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

Reports

Two Department of Administration reports on the number of federally-funded positions approved during the fiscal quarters ending December 31, 2007, and March 31, 2008; were submitted to the Committee as required under s. 16.50, Wisconsin Statutes.

Kirsten M. Grinde, Secretary

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