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Joint Committee on Finance 100TH ANNIVERSARY 1911 - 2011

Minutes of the Meeting Under s. 13.10

July 19, 2011

Co-chair Vos presided and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Senators Darling, Harsdorf, Leibham, Grothman, Hopper, Taylor, Jauch
Representatives Vos, Meyer, LeMahieu, Nygren, Kleefisch, Grigsby, Shilling

Absent: Senator Olsen, Representative Strachota

I. Department of Transportation

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Senator Darling to approve the department's request for approval of \$29,404,300 in passenger rail development bonds and an appropriation supplement of \$2,239,300 SEG in fiscal year 2010-11 for passenger rail costs related to the manufacture and delivery of passenger rail cars purchased by the state, the preparation of a maintenance facility, and improvements at the Milwaukee passenger rail station, but specify that any bonding approved for the elements of the request that are not needed to pay the final cost would revert to unapproved status.

Ayes, 12; Noes, 2 (Leibham, Grothman); Absent, 2

[Secretary's Note: The appropriation supplement would transfer from the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(u) to the department's rail passenger service, state funds appropriation under s. 20.395(2)(cr).]

II. Department of Transportation

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Senator Darling to approve the department's request to transfer \$33,000,000 in fiscal year 2010-11 from the department's SEG appropriation for state highway rehabilitation [s. 20.395(3)(cq)] to the department's SEG appropriation for highway maintenance and traffic operations [s. 20.395(3)(eq)].

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2

III. Government Accountability Board

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Senator Darling to approve the board's request on a one-time basis to: (a) transfer \$67,700 GPR in fiscal year 2010-11, from its general program operations appropriation [s. 20.511(1)(a)] to its election administration transfer appropriation [s. 20.511(1)(d)]; and (b) provide associated increased expenditure authority of \$67,700 SEG in fiscal year 2010-11 to its election administration appropriation [s. 20.511(1)(t)].

Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; Absent, 3

IV. Government Accountability Board

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Senator Darling to transfer \$5,400 GPR on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2010-11, from the Committee's GPR supplemental appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(a)] to the board's GPR election-related cost reimbursement appropriation [s. 20.511(1)(b)] to reimburse qualifying municipalities for the additional costs (or any portion of these costs) incurred to adjust polling hours to begin at 7 a.m., at any election held after April 29, 2006.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2

V. Government Accountability Board

Moved by Senator Taylor and seconded by Senator Jauch to transfer \$88,300 GPR in fiscal year 2010-11, from the Committee's GPR supplemental appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(a)] to the board's GPR general program operations appropriation [s. 20.511(1)(a)] to offset costs incurred by the board associated with the recall elections.

Ayes, 4; Noes, 10 (Vos, Meyer, LeMahieu, Nygren, Kleefisch, Darling, Harsdorf, Leibham, Grothman, Hopper); Absent, 2

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Senator Darling to approve the request of the board to transfer \$40,800 GPR in fiscal year 2010-11, from the Committee's GPR supplemental appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(a)] to the board's GPR general program operations appropriation [s. 20.511(1)(a)] to permit the board to hire temporary staff, pay for overtime costs, and purchase a high speed scanner to review and analyze 2011 Senate recall petitions.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2

[Secretary's Note: The transfer from the Committee's GPR supplemental appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) would include \$19,600 from the unreserved balance and \$21,200 from the remaining reserve for the Wisconsin Quality Home Care Authority.]

VI. Government Accountability Board

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Senator Darling to provide \$8,700 PR in fiscal year 2010-11 to the board's lobbying administration PR appropriation [s. 20.511(1)(im)] to permit the board to upgrade its lobbying database and Web site.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2

VII. Higher Educational Aids Board

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Senator Darling to approve the transfer of \$853,000 GPR from the board's appropriation for talent incentive grants [s. 20.235(1)(fd)] to the board's appropriations for Wisconsin higher education grants; technical college students [s. 20.235(1)(ff)] (\$280,300) and tuition grants [s. 20.235(1)(b)] (\$572,700). The balance of the talent incentive grants appropriation, which would be \$14,738, would lapse to the general fund.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2

VIII. University of Wisconsin System

Moved by Senator Darling and seconded by Representative Vos to approve the system's request to commit \$1,897,937 to the Northcentral Technical College, acting as the fiscal agent for the Wausau Community Area Network, related to the Building Community Capacity Broadband grant awarded to the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2

Reports

Two Department of Administration reports on the number of federally-funded positions approved during the fiscal quarters ending December 31, 2010, and March 31, 2011, were submitted to the Committee as required under s. 16.50, Wisconsin Statutes.


Kirsten M. Grinde, Secretary

Date: 7/21/2011


Robin Vos, Co-Chair

Date: 7/21/2011


Scott Walker, Governor

Date: 7-21-2011