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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Meeting under s. 13.10

March 3, 2026

Co-Chair Marklein presided and called the meeting to order.

Present: Senators Marklein, Testin, Wimberger, Stafsholt, Bradley, Quinn, Johnson, Roys
Representatives Born, Kurtz, Zimmerman, Rodriguez, Dallman, Hurd, McGuire, Andraca

I. Department of Administration

Moved by Senator Johnson and seconded by Senator Roys to transfer \$2,000,000 PR-S annually in each year of the 2025-27 biennium on a one-time basis from the committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(g) to the department's county grants appropriation under s. 20.505(1)(kv) for administering grants to counties in which the headquarters of a federally recognized tribe is located pursuant to 2025 Wisconsin Act 15.

The grants would be distributed based on three components: (a) to counties for certain unrecoverable delinquent taxes associated with properties becoming exempt from taxation as a result of a court decision; (b) to counties and towns to either lessen the effect of the court decision on individual taxpayers or to maintain a consistent level of services; and (c) to counties for tribal services on the basis of the proportion of Native Americans living in poverty relative to county residents living in poverty.

Ayes, 4; Noes, 12

Moved by Senator Marklein and seconded by Representative Born to transfer \$2,000,000 PR-S in fiscal year 2025-26 on a one-time basis from the committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(g) to the department's county grants appropriation under s. 20.505(1)(kv) for administering grants to counties in which the headquarters of a federally recognized tribe is located pursuant to 2025 Wisconsin Act 15. Each eligible county would receive funding of \$200,000.

Ayes, 12; Noes, 4

II. Department of Public Instruction

Moved by Senator Johnson and seconded by Senator Roys to transfer \$1,000,000 GPR in each year of the 2025-27 biennium from the committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to the department's general program operations appropriation under s. 20.255(1)(a).

Ayes, 4; Noes, 12

Moved by Senator Marklein and seconded by Representative Born to transfer \$750,000 GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$1,000,000 GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 from the committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to the department's general program operations appropriation under s. 20.255(1)(a).

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

III. Historical Society

Moved by Senator Marklein and seconded by Representative Born to convert: (a) 2.0 FTE GPR classified positions to unclassified Division Administrator positions; (b) 1.0 FTE GPR classified position to an unclassified State Historian position; and (c) 2.0 GPR unclassified specialist positions to unclassified sales and marketing positions.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

Dustin Trickle

Dustin Trickle, Secretary

Date: 3/5/26

Howard Z Marklein

Senator Howard Marklein, Co-Chair

Date: 3/5/26

Tony Evers

Tony Evers, Governor

Date: 3/06/26

SUMMARY

**DETAIL OF JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROPRIATED LEVELS
2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)
March 3, 2026**

<u>2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>Biennium</u>
20.865(4)(a) Appropriation Total Summary - GPR			
Unreserved	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$267,200
Reserve for DATCP & WEDC -- Dairy Cattle Innovation	20,000,000	0	20,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Crisis Urgent Care Facilities	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Rogers Behavioral Health -- Chippewa Falls	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities	1,790,000	0	1,790,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Minor Safety Plans	477,000	342,200	819,200
Reserve for Higher Educational Aids Board -- Emergency Medical Services Training	0	3,500,000	3,500,000
Reserve for Justice -- Law Enforcement Data Sharing	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000
Reserve for Public Instruction -- Professional Development for Science Teachers	250,000	250,000	500,000
Reserve for Public Instruction -- General Program Operations	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
Reserve for Public Service Commission -- Nuclear Power Plant Feasibility Study	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Reserve for Transportation -- Protective Services Hearing Protection*		0	0
Reserve for UW System -- Grants to Institutions	26,500,000	26,500,000	53,000,000
Reserve for Wisconsin Technical College System -- Emergency Medical Services Training	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>
Current Total - GPR	\$77,650,600	\$37,225,800	\$114,876,400
20.865(4)(g) Appropriation Total Summary - PR			
Reserve for Administration -- County Aid Grants (Tribal Gaming Revenues)	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>
Current Total - PR	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000
20.865(4)(m) Appropriation Total Summary - FED			
Current Total - FED	\$0	\$0	\$0
20.865(4)(u) Appropriation Total Summary - SEG			
Reserve for Military Affairs -- Live 911 Pilot (911 Fund)	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Reserve for Natural Resources -- Rothschild Dam (Forestry Account)	42,000,000	0	42,000,000
Reserve for Shared Revenue -- Local Grant Writing and Compliance Assistance (Local Government Fund)	0	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
Current Total - SEG	\$42,100,000	\$3,000,000	\$45,100,000
Total	\$121,750,600	\$42,225,800	\$163,976,400

*Note that the \$2.6 million in 2025-26 for this item was inadvertently not included in the Chapter 20 schedule of appropriations, but was to be corrected in technical legislation prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau. However, the technical correction has yet to be enacted. Thus the \$2.6 million is removed from this table, but will be added if enacted into law.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
GPR APPROPRIATION STATUS
2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)
March 3, 2026

<u>2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Biennial Appropriation - Reserved Amount [s. 20.865(4)(a)]	\$77,517,000	\$37,092,200	\$114,609,200	\$74,569,200	\$40,040,000
Reserve for DATCP & WEDC – Dairy Cattle Innovation	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Crisis Urgent Care Facilities	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Rogers Behavioral Health -- Chippewa Falls	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
Reserve for Health Services -- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities	1,790,000	0	1,790,000	0	1,790,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Minor Safety Plans	477,000	342,200	819,200	819,200	0
Reserve for Higher Educational Aids Board -- Emergency Medical Services Training	0	3,500,000	3,500,000	0	3,500,000
Reserve for Justice -- Law Enforcement Data Sharing	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000	0	4,000,000
Reserve for Public Instruction – Professional Development for Science Teachers	250,000	250,000	500,000	0	500,000
Reserve for Public Instruction – General Program Operations	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,750,000	250,000
Reserve for Public Service Commission -- Nuclear Power Plant Feasibility Study	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Reserve for Transportation -- Protective Services Hearing Protection*	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve for UW System -- Grants to Institutions	26,500,000	26,500,000	53,000,000	53,000,000	0
Reserve for Wisconsin Technical College System – Emergency Medical Services Training	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Reserved Balance	\$77,517,000	\$37,092,200	\$114,609,200	\$74,569,200	\$40,040,000
Releases from Reserved Balance:					
Reserve for Public Service Commission – Nuclear Power Plant Feasibility Study (s. 13.10 on 8/21/25)	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000		
Reserve for Health Services – Minor Safety Plans (s. 13.10 on 10/9/25)	477,000	342,200	819,200		
Reserve for Wisconsin Technical College System - Emergency Medical Services Training (s. 13.10 on 12/11/25)	1,750,000	5,250,000	7,000,000		
Reserve for UW System – Grants to Institutions (s. 13.10 on 1/14/26)	26,500,000	26,500,000	53,000,000		
Reserve for Health Services - Rogers Behavioral Health Chippewa Falls (s. 13.10 on 2/3/26)	10,000,000	0	10,000,000		
Reserve for Public Instruction – General Program Operations (s. 13.10 on 3/3/26)	<u>750,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,750,000</u>		
Total Releases	\$41,477,000	\$33,092,200	\$74,569,200		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$36,040,000	\$4,000,000	\$40,040,000		
Current Biennial Appropriation - Unreserved Amount [s. 20.865(4)(a)]	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$267,200		
Releases from Unreserved Balance:					
Total Releases	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Unreserved Remaining Balance	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$267,200		
Total Available	\$36,173,600	\$4,133,600	\$40,307,200		

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PR APPROPRIATION STATUS
2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)
March 3, 2026

<u>2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Appropriation Amount [s. 20.865(4)(g)]	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Reserve for Administration -- County Aid Grants (Tribal Gaming Revenues)	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
Reserved Balance	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Releases from Reserved Balance:					
Reserve for Administration - County Aid Grants (s. 13.10 on 3/3/26)	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$2,000,000		
Total Releases	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000		

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SEG APPROPRIATION STATUS
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March 3, 2026

<u>2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Appropriation Amount [s. 20.865(4)(u)]	\$42,100,000	\$3,000,000	\$45,100,000	\$42,000,000	\$3,100,000
Reserve for Military Affairs -- Live 911 Pilot (911 Fund)	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Reserve for Natural Resources -- Rothschild Dam (Forestry Account)	42,000,000	0	42,000,000	42,000,000	0
Reserve for Shared Revenue -- Local Grant Writing and Compliance Assistance (Local Government Fund)	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
Reserved Balance	\$42,100,000	\$3,000,000	\$45,100,000	\$42,000,000	\$3,100,000
Releases from Reserved Balance:					
Reserve for Natural Resources -- Rothschild Dam (Forestry Account) (s. 13.10 on 2/3/26)	<u>\$42,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$42,000,000</u>		
Total Releases	\$42,000,000	\$0	\$42,000,000		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$100,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,100,000		

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
FED APPROPRIATION STATUS
2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)
March 3, 2026

<u>2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Appropriation Amount [s. 20.865(4)(m)]	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reserved Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Releases from Reserved Balance:					
Total Releases	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0		