## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

## **GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

| Source<br>of Funds | FY25<br>Adjusted Base | FY26<br>Recommended | % Change<br>Over FY25 | FY27<br>Recommended | % Change<br>Over FY26 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| GPR                | 1,346,632,600         | 1,692,868,500       | 25.7                  | 1,691,949,000       | -0.1                  |
| PR-F               | 1,893,123,900         | 1,893,123,900       | 0.0                   | 1,893,123,900       | 0.0                   |
| PR-S               | 61,063,300            | 61,063,300          | 0.0                   | 61,063,300          | 0.0                   |
| PR-O               | 4,602,281,700         | 4,611,398,500       | 0.2                   | 4,598,924,600       | -0.3                  |
| SEG-O              | 41,750,200            | 41,815,700          | 0.2                   | 41,815,700          | 0.0                   |
| TOTAL              | 7,944,851,700         | 8,300,269,900       | 4.5                   | 8,286,876,500       | -0.2                  |

## **FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY**

| Source of Funds | FY25<br>Adjusted Base | FY26<br>Recommended | FTE Change<br>Over FY25 | FY27<br>Recommended | FTE Change<br>Over FY26 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| GPR             | 17,697.49             | 17,904.49           | 207.00                  | 17,911.49           | 7.00                    |
| PR-F            | 5,791.48              | 5,791.48            | 0.00                    | 5,791.48            | 0.00                    |
| PR-S            | 72.37                 | 72.37               | 0.00                    | 72.37               | 0.00                    |
| PR-O            | 14,526.51             | 14,526.51           | 0.00                    | 14,526.51           | 0.00                    |
| SEG-O           | 151.55                | 151.55              | 0.00                    | 151.55              | 0.00                    |
| TOTAL           | 38,239.40             | 38,446.40           | 207.00                  | 38,453.40           | 7.00                    |

## **AGENCY DESCRIPTION**

The system is governed by an 18-member Board of Regents charged by statute with the responsibility to determine educational policy. The president of the system, as chief executive officer, is responsible for the direction and coordination of the system in accordance with state law and the policies of the board.

The system is comprised of 13 universities, including 10 comprehensive universities, one polytechnic university and two research universities: the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The chancellors of the 13 four-year institutions serve at the pleasure of the board and report to the president. Long-range planning and future development of the institutions within the system are carried out in accordance with specific missions for each institution that were adopted in 1974 and revised in 1988 after public hearings throughout the state. Several universities have connected branch campuses.

Together, the campuses enroll over 162,000 students. Outreach and public service activities make university resources available to all Wisconsin residents. Annually over 265,000 people enroll in continuing education courses and other lifelong learning programs, and county-based Cooperative Extension educators log more than 570,000 outreach contacts every year. In addition, the statewide networks of Wisconsin Public Radio and PBS Wisconsin (formerly Wisconsin Public Television) reach more than 1,139,000 listeners and viewers weekly.

In accordance with the concept of shared governance, each institution's chancellor and faculty have primary responsibility for educational activities and for faculty personnel matters. University staff, academic staff and students also participate in governance under terms defined in Chapter 36, Wisconsin Statutes.

The system attracts substantial nonstate funding to Wisconsin. In fiscal year 2023-24, the Board of Regents accepted \$2.2 billion in gifts, grants and government contracts. The University of Wisconsin-Madison has consistently ranked in the top ten higher education institutions nationally in attracting federal research funds.

The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene is Wisconsin's public and environmental health laboratory and is an attached agency to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The laboratory is under the direction and supervision of the State Laboratory of Hygiene Board, which meets quarterly to approve the laboratory budget, set fees, set priorities and make final approval of laboratory resources so that the laboratory can act in response to agencies' planned objectives and program priorities. A nationally renowned public health facility, the laboratory provides top quality analytical services and makes substantial contributions to the evolution of public health and environmental laboratory science through teaching, research, outreach and public service. All sectors of the public health infrastructure – disease control and prevention, maternal and child health, environmental health, epidemiology, emergency preparedness and response, and policy development – are critically linked to the state and national public health laboratory system, which the laboratory coordinates in Wisconsin. Through its wide-ranging activities, directly or indirectly, every citizen in the state is affected and protected by the public health work of the laboratory.

The Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory was established by 1999 Wisconsin Act 107, which was enacted on April 28, 2000. Effective July 1, 2000, the Wisconsin Animal Health Laboratory was transferred from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to the University of Wisconsin System and renamed the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Much like the State Laboratory of Hygiene, the laboratory is administratively attached to the University of Wisconsin-Madison but governed by an independent board that contains representatives of state and federal governments, the university, and five nongovernmental members representing various aspects of Wisconsin animal agriculture. These five board members are appointed by the Governor with terms varying in length from two years to four years.

### **MISSION**

The mission of the system, pursuant to s. 36.01(2), Wisconsin Statutes, "is to develop human resources, to discover and disseminate knowledge, to extend knowledge and its application beyond the boundaries of its campuses and to serve and stimulate society by developing in students heightened intellectual, cultural and humane sensitivities, scientific, professional and technological expertise and a sense of purpose. Inherent in this broad mission are methods of instruction, research, extended training and public service designed to educate people and improve the human condition. Basic to every purpose of the system is the search for truth."

The mission of the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene is to develop and provide essential public health laboratory support to communities, agencies (local, state and federal) and private providers consistent with the public health and environmental goals of the state. Support includes analytical services for the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health Services, local governmental units, health care practitioners and private citizens. In addition to clinical and reference testing, the laboratory conducts specialized environmental and occupational health testing, provides informatics and data support, Occupational Safety and Health Administration consultation services, and training and technical assistance for private and public health agencies. The laboratory conducts applied research and provides university instruction related to the public health and environmental protection mission of the laboratory.

The mission of the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is to promote animal and human health by providing high-quality veterinary diagnostic laboratory services and the professional expertise to complement them. In doing so, the laboratory will fulfill its obligation to be a primary component of the Wisconsin animal health system. The laboratory is intent on being recognized as a leader in the scientific field, achieving excellence in veterinary laboratory diagnostics by integrating innovative and proven technologies, and conducting research to provide the highest quality of service possible.

## PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

## Program 1: University Education, Research and Public Service

Goal: Meet or exceed the current plans to increase undergraduate degrees conferred (associate and bachelor's).

Objective/Activity: Increase undergraduate degrees conferred by the University of Wisconsin System to meet the state's need for college-degreed professionals as part of the 2020 FWD Initiative.

Goal: Provide access by enrolling at least 32 percent of Wisconsin high school graduates immediately after graduation.

Objective/Activity: Serve the residents of Wisconsin as part of the 2020FWD Initiative.

Goal: Increase first-to-second year retention at the same institution.

Objective/Activity: Increase retention of students to the second year at their original institution in conjunction with the 2020 FWD Initiative.

Goal: Increase the rate at which new freshmen earn a bachelor's degree at the same institution within six years.

Objective/Activity: Increase graduation rate at the same institution to assist with meeting the state's need for college-degreed professionals as part of the 2020 FWD Initiative.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

# 2023 AND 2024 GOALS AND ACTUALS

| Prog.<br>No. | Performance Measure                 | Goal<br>2023 | Actual<br>2023 | Goal<br>2024 | Actual<br>2024   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1.           | Undergraduate degrees.              | 28,258       | 27,301         | 28,258       | N/A <sup>1</sup> |
| 1.           | Wisconsin resident attendance rate. | 32%          | 27.0%          | 32%          | N/A <sup>1</sup> |
| 1.           | Retention rate.                     | 82.7%        | 82.6%          | 82.7%        | N/A <sup>1</sup> |
| 1.           | Graduation rate.                    | 63.6%        | 65.5%          | 63.6%        | 66.9%            |

Note: Based on fiscal year.

<sup>1</sup>Certain actuals were not yet available.

## 2025, 2026 AND 2027 GOALS

| Prog.<br>No. | Performance Measure                 | Goal<br>2025 <sup>1</sup> | Goal<br>2026     | Goal<br>2027     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.           | Undergraduate degrees.              | 28,694                    | 29,380           | N/A <sup>2</sup> |
| 1.           | Wisconsin resident attendance rate. | 32%                       | N/A <sup>2</sup> | N/A <sup>2</sup> |
| 1.           | Retention rate.                     | 82.7%                     | N/A <sup>2</sup> | N/A <sup>2</sup> |
| 1.           | Graduation rate.                    | 65.8%                     | 65.8%            | N/A <sup>2</sup> |

Note: Based on fiscal year.

<sup>1</sup>Goals for 2025 have been revised.

<sup>2</sup>Certain goals were not yet available.

# **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM**

## **GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Increasing Affordability
- 2. Preserving Accessibility
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- 5. Investing in Innovation
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- 7. Student Mental Health and Well-Being
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- 9. Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Staffing
- 10. Tuition Remission for Student Teaching
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- 13. State Operations Adjustments
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- 15. Standard Budget Adjustments

Table 1 Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)

|  | ACTUAL        | ADJUSTED<br>BASE | AGENCY        | REQUEST       | GOVERNOR'S T RECOMMENDATION |               |  |
|--|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--|
|  | FY24          | FY25             | FY26          | FY27          | FY26                        | FY27          |  |
| GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE  | \$1,332,669.8 | \$1,346,632.6    | \$1,745,282.4 | \$1,804,697.4 | \$1,692,868.5               | \$1,691,949.0 |  |
| State Operations   | 1,332,661.0   | 1,346,502.6      | 1,745,152.4   | 1,804,567.4   | 1,692,738.5                 | 1,691,819.0   |  |
| Aids to Ind. & Org.  | 8.8           | 130.0            | 130.0         | 130.0         | 130.0                       | 130.0         |  |
| FEDERAL REVENUE (1) State Operations   | \$1,848,171.7 | \$1,893,123.9    | \$1,893,123.9 | \$1,893,123.9 | \$1,893,123.9               | \$1,893,123.9 |  |
|  | 1,848,171.7   | 1,893,123.9      | 1,893,123.9   | 1,893,123.9   | 1,893,123.9                 | 1,893,123.9   |  |
| PROGRAM REVENUE (2)  | \$4,571,065.4 | \$4,663,345.0    | \$4,663,345.0 | \$4,663,345.0 | \$4,672,461.8               | \$4,659,987.9 |  |
| State Operations   | 4,571,065.4   | 4,663,345.0      | 4,663,345.0   | 4,663,345.0   | 4,672,461.8                 | 4,659,987.9   |  |
| SEGREGATED REVENUE (3) State Operations Local Assistance Aids to Ind. & Org. | \$40,931.8    | \$41,750.2       | \$41,815.7    | \$41,815.7    | \$41,815.7                  | \$41,815.7    |  |
|  | 38,873.9      | 40,705.3         | 40,770.8      | 40,770.8      | 40,770.8                    | 40,770.8      |  |
|  | 141.6         | 145.6            | 145.6         | 145.6         | 145.6                       | 145.6         |  |
|  | 1,916.3       | 899.3            | 899.3         | 899.3         | 899.3                       | 899.3         |  |
| TOTALS - ANNUAL  | \$7,792,838.7 | \$7,944,851.7    | \$8,343,567.0 | \$8,402,982.0 | \$8,300,269.9               | \$8,286,876.5 |  |
| State Operations   | 7,790,772.0   | 7,943,676.8      | 8,342,392.1   | 8,401,807.1   | 8,299,095.0                 | 8,285,701.6   |  |
| Local Assistance   | 141.6         | 145.6            | 145.6         | 145.6         | 145.6                       | 145.6         |  |
| Aids to Ind. & Org.  | 1,925.2       | 1,029.3          | 1,029.3       | 1,029.3       | 1,029.3                     | 1,029.3       |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

Table 2 **Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions)** 

|                         | ADJUSTED<br>BASE | AGENCY F  | REQUEST   | GOVERNOR'S<br>RECOMMENDATION |           |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
|                         | FY25             | FY26      | FY27      | FY26                         | FY27      |
| GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE | 17,697.49        | 17,904.49 | 17,911.49 | 17,904.49                    | 17,911.49 |
| State Operations        | 17,697.49        | 17,904.49 | 17,911.49 | 17,904.49                    | 17,911.49 |
| FEDERAL REVENUE (1)     | 5,791.48         | 5,791.48  | 5,791.48  | 5,791.48                     | 5,791.48  |
| State Operations        | 5,791.48         | 5,791.48  | 5,791.48  | 5,791.48                     | 5,791.48  |
| PROGRAM REVENUE (2)     | 14,598.88        | 14,598.88 | 14,598.88 | 14,598.88                    | 14,598.88 |
| State Operations        | 14,598.88        | 14,598.88 | 14,598.88 | 14,598.88                    | 14,598.88 |
| SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)  | 151.55           | 151.55    | 151.55    | 151.55                       | 151.55    |
| State Operations        | 146.71           | 146.71    | 146.71    | 146.71                       | 146.71    |
| Local Assistance        | 0.88             | 0.88      | 0.88      | 0.88                         | 0.88      |
| Aids to Ind. & Org.     | 3.96             | 3.96      | 3.96      | 3.96                         | 3.96      |
| TOTALS - ANNUAL         | 38,239.40        | 38,446.40 | 38,453.40 | 38,446.40                    | 38,453.40 |
| State Operations        | 38,234.56        | 38,441.56 | 38,448.56 | 38,441.56                    | 38,448.56 |
| Local Assistance        | 0.88             | 0.88      | 0.88      | 0.88                         | 0.88      |
| Aids to Ind. & Org.     | 3.96             | 3.96      | 3.96      | 3.96                         | 3.96      |

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other
(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal
 Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other
 Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)

|    |   | ACTUAL<br>FY24 | ADJUSTED<br>BASE<br>FY25 | REQUEST<br>FY27 | GOVERNOR'S<br>RECOMMENDATION<br>FY26 FY27 |               |               |
|----|---|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | University education, research and public service | \$7,792,838.7  | \$7,944,851.7            | \$8,343,567.0   | \$8,402,982.0                             | \$8,300,269.9 | \$8,286,876.5 |
|    | TOTALS  | \$7,792,838.7  | \$7,944,851.7            | \$8,343,567.0   | \$8,402,982.0                             | \$8,300,269.9 | \$8,286,876.5 |

Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions)

|    |   | ADJUSTED<br>BASE | AGENCY REQUEST |           | GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION |           |
|----|---|------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
|    |   | FY25             | FY26           | FY27      | FY26                      | FY27      |
| 1. | University education, research and public service | 38,239.40        | 38,446.40      | 38,453.40 | 38,446.40                 | 38,453.40 |
|    | TOTALS  | 38,239.40        | 38,446.40      | 38,453.40 | 38,446.40                 | 38,453.40 |

## 1. Increasing Affordability

| Agency Request |            |           |            |           | Governor's Recommendations |           |            |           |
|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Source         | FY26       | 6         | FY2        | 27        | FY2                        | 26        | FY2        | 27        |
| of Funds       | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars                    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions |
| GPR            | 56,360,000 | 0.00      | 72,610,000 | 0.00      | 56,360,000                 | 0.00      | 72,610,000 | 0.00      |
| TOTAL          | 56,360,000 | 0.00      | 72,610,000 | 0.00      | 56,360,000                 | 0.00      | 72,610,000 | 0.00      |

The Governor recommends providing funding to increase affordability of a system education through a variety of financial aid efforts for students who have the greatest financial need or who are veterans or tribal nation members. The Governor's recommendation includes \$1,209,500 GPR in FY26 and \$1,612,500 GPR in FY27 to better assist veterans and military personnel enrollees, and their families, at University of Wisconsin System institutions. The Governor also recommends allowing a student to qualify for resident tuition or fee rates at the University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System if the student: (a) is a citizen of one of Wisconsin's 11 federally recognized American Indian nations or tribal communities or (b) is a citizen of a federally recognized tribe in a state contiguous with Wisconsin. The Governor further recommends providing tuition waivers for students at the University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System if the student: (a) is a Wisconsin resident and is verified as an enrolled member of any of Wisconsin's 11 federally recognized tribes and (b) enrolled at a University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System program. Finally, the Governor recommends exempting a person who is a citizen of another country from nonresident tuition if that person meets all of the following requirements: (a) the person graduated from a Wisconsin high school or received a high school graduation equivalency declaration from this state; (b) the person was continuously present in this state for at least three years following the first day of attending a Wisconsin high school or immediately preceding the receipt of a high school graduation equivalency declaration; and (c) the person enrolls in a University of Wisconsin System institution or Wisconsin Technical College System college and provides the institution or college with proof that the person has filed or will file an application for a permanent resident visa with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as soon as the person is eligible to do so. See Technical College System Board, Items #5, #6 and #7.

#### 2. Preserving Accessibility

|          |             | Agency F  | Request     | Governor's Recommendations |             |           |             |           |  |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--|
| Source   | rce FY26    |           | FY2         | FY27                       |             | FY26      |             | FY27      |  |
| of Funds | Dollars     | Positions | Dollars     | Positions                  | Dollars     | Positions | Dollars     | Positions |  |
| GPR      | 131,048,800 | 34.00     | 174,818,800 | 34.00                      | 130,146,100 | 34.00     | 178,197,800 | 34.00     |  |
| TOTAL    | 131,048,800 | 34.00     | 174,818,800 | 34.00                      | 130,146,100 | 34.00     | 178,197,800 | 34.00     |  |

The Governor recommends providing funding and position authority to expand student access to excellent higher education institutions through a variety of innovative methods such as dual enrollment, direct admissions and enhanced transfer pathways. The Governor's recommendation includes: (a) providing \$500,000 GPR in each year of the biennium for the Health Care Provider Loan Assistance Program and extending program eligibility to medical assistants, dental assistants, dental therapists and dental auxiliaries; (b) providing \$501,300 GPR in each year of the biennium to the Health Care Provider Loan Assistance Program and Rural Physician Loan Assistance Program to include behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment professionals as eligible for matching funds; and (c) including dental therapists as eligible recipients for loan assistance.

### 3. Developing Talent

|          |            | Agency F  | Request    | Governor's Recommendations |            |           |            |           |
|----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Source   | FY26       | 3         | FY2        | 27                         | FY2        | 26        | FY2        | 27        |
| of Funds | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions                  | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions |
| GPR      | 41,819,000 | 159.00    | 41,819,000 | 159.00                     | 41,819,000 | 159.00    | 41,819,000 | 159.00    |
| TOTAL    | 41,819,000 | 159.00    | 41,819,000 | 159.00                     | 41,819,000 | 159.00    | 41,819,000 | 159.00    |

The Governor recommends providing funding and position authority to enhance the state's talent pipeline through career readiness initiatives, high-impact practices, civil dialogue training, assessments, loan forgiveness and continuing education. The Governor's recommendation includes: (a) providing \$500,000 GPR in each year of the biennium to establish or continue foster youth programming for eligible students at University of Wisconsin System institutions; (b) providing \$300,000 GPR in each year of the biennium to support the UniverCity Alliance, which leverages University of Wisconsin-Madison academic and research resources to address challenges faced by urban areas; (c) providing \$1 million GPR in each year of the biennium to support journalism programs and fellowships for students and graduates of journalism programs at University of Wisconsin System institutions; (d) expanding experiential learning; (e) supporting wraparound service programs for students; and (f) advising students through Navigate360, a student success management system.

### 4. Ensuring Quality

|          |            | Agency I  | Request     | Governor's Recommendations |            |           |            |           |
|----------|------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Source   |            |           | FY2         | FY27                       |            | FY26      |            | 27        |
| of Funds | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars     | Positions                  | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions |
| GPR      | 84,000,000 | 0.00      | 119,280,000 | 0.00                       | 28,000,000 | 0.00      | 28,000,000 | 0.00      |
| TOTAL    | 84,000,000 | 0.00      | 119,280,000 | 0.00                       | 28,000,000 | 0.00      | 28,000,000 | 0.00      |

The Governor recommends providing funding to recruit and retain the best educators and staff. The Governor also recommends providing funding for system employee general wage adjustments through the state's compensation reserve (\$58,460,900 GPR in FY26 and \$107,568,100 GPR in FY27), at levels commensurate with the Governor's recommendations for all state employees and reflective of the historical cost-sharing of such costs between the system and the state. The Governor further recommends that the system employ funds to develop or strengthen clinical training partnerships with health care employers and professionals, and provide preceptor compensation.

| 5. | Investing | in Inno | ovation |
|----|-----------|---------|---------|
|    |           |         |         |

| Agency Request |            |           |            |           | Gov        | ernor's Rec | ommendation | S         |
|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Source         | FY26       | 3         | FY2        | 27        | FY2        | 26          | FY2         | 27        |
| of Funds       | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions   | Dollars     | Positions |
| GPR            | 52,585,000 | 7.00      | 16,700,000 | 14.00     | 87,585,000 | 7.00        | 16,700,000  | 14.00     |
| TOTAL          | 52,585,000 | 7.00      | 16,700,000 | 14.00     | 87,585,000 | 7.00        | 16,700,000  | 14.00     |

The Governor recommends providing funding and position authority for the system to invest in innovative technologies such as new curriculum and classroom applications, online programs and research infrastructure, as well as subject areas such as artificial intelligence. The Governor's recommendation includes: (a) providing \$250,000 GPR in each year of the biennium to support education, training, research and technical assistance for small businesses and entrepreneurs, economic development practitioners, and communities in the development of entrepreneurial activity in rural Wisconsin; (b) investing in artificial intelligence research; (c) curricular development and pedagogical enhancements for improved teaching and learning by the system; (d) recruiting and retaining faculty in artificial intelligence fields; and (e) providing \$3.9 million GPR in FY26 and \$2.4 million GPR in FY27 to establish a statewide Parkinson's Disease registry through the University of Wisconsin-Madison Population Health Institute.

## 6. Extending and Applying Knowledge

The Governor recommends, in the spirit of discovering, disseminating and applying knowledge beyond the borders of its campuses, that, within the budget investments and resources of the system, the system allocate \$500,000 each year for the University of Wisconsin Missing in Action Recovery and Identification Project, which conducts missions to recover and identify Wisconsin veterans who went missing during deployment.

#### 7. Student Mental Health and Well-Being

| Agency Request |         |           |         |             | Governor's Recommendations |           |            |           |
|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Source         | FY      | 26        | F\      | <b>Y</b> 27 | FY2                        | 26        | FY2        | 27        |
| of Funds       | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions   | Dollars                    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions |
| GPR            |         | 0.00      |         | 0.00        | 11,000,000                 | 0.00      | 11,000,000 | 0.00      |
| TOTAL          |         | 0.00      |         | 0.00        | 11,000,000                 | 0.00      | 11,000,000 | 0.00      |

The Governor recommends providing funding to support the increased demand and need for mental health services for system students.

| 8. | Veterinary | / Diagnostic | Laboratory | Faculty | Equity |
|----|------------|--------------|------------|---------|--------|
|----|------------|--------------|------------|---------|--------|

| Agency Request |         |           |         |           | Gov     | ernor's Rec | ommendation | s         |
|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Source         | FY26    | 3         | FY2     | 27        | FY2     | 26          | FY2         | 27        |
| of Funds       | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions   | Dollars     | Positions |
| GPR            | 217,300 | 0.00      | 217,300 | 0.00      | 217,300 | 0.00        | 217,300     | 0.00      |
| TOTAL          | 217,300 | 0.00      | 217,300 | 0.00      | 217,300 | 0.00        | 217,300     | 0.00      |

The Governor recommends providing funding for salary equity to retain veterinary specialists and subject matter experts at joint faculty appointments with the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## 9. Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Staffing

| Agency Request |         |           |         |           | Gov     | ernor's Rec | ommendation | s         |
|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Source         | FY26    | ;         | FY2     | 27        | FY2     | 26          | FY2         | 27        |
| of Funds       | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions   | Dollars     | Positions |
| GPR            | 568,500 | 7.00      | 568,500 | 7.00      | 568,500 | 7.00        | 568,500     | 7.00      |
| TOTAL          | 568,500 | 7.00      | 568,500 | 7.00      | 568,500 | 7.00        | 568,500     | 7.00      |

The Governor recommends providing funding and position authority for microbiologists and a sample receiving technician at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to improve capacity for and response to both chronic wasting disease testing and high-consequence pathogen disease outbreak surge testing.

#### 10. Tuition Remission for Student Teaching

The Governor recommends that the system provide a student in an institution's educator preparatory program with tuition remission for the semester in which the student is teaching in a K-12 classroom as part of the program's graduation requirements. See Department of Public Instruction, Item #18.

## 11. Paid Family and Medical Leave Program

The Governor recommends directing the Division of Personnel Management within the Department of Administration to submit a plan establishing a paid family and medical leave program for state employees. The plan would provide up to eight weeks of paid family and medical leave each calendar year for eligible state employees. The Governor also recommends directing the Board of Regents for the University of Wisconsin System to submit a plan for a program to provide paid family and medical leave for eight weeks annually to employees of the system as part of its statutorily-required compensation plan submission to the Division of Personnel Management within the Department of Administration, prior to going to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations for approval. See Department of Administration, Item #21.

## 12. Employee Compensation Initiatives

The Governor recommends modifying current law to establish Juneteenth and Veterans Day as state government holidays and to allow eligible system employees to receive the employer-paid portion of health insurance premiums upon the second full month of employment. The Governor also recommends directing the Board of Regents for the University of Wisconsin System to submit a plan establishing a paid sick leave for certain temporary employees as part of its statutorily-required compensation plan submission to the Division of Personnel Management within the Department of Administration, prior to going to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations for approval. See Department of Administration, Item #22.

## 13. State Operations Adjustments

| Agency Request |         |           |         | Governor's Recommendations |         |           |         |           |
|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Source         | FY2     | 6         | FY2     | 27                         | FY2     | 26        | FY2     | 27        |
| of Funds       | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions                  | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions |
| GPR            | 222,200 | 0.00      | 222,200 | 0.00                       | 222,200 | 0.00      | 222,200 | 0.00      |
| SEG-O          | 65,500  | 0.00      | 65,500  | 0.00                       | 65,500  | 0.00      | 65,500  | 0.00      |
| TOTAL          | 287,700 | 0.00      | 287,700 | 0.00                       | 287,700 | 0.00      | 287,700 | 0.00      |

The Governor recommends providing funding for certain state operations appropriations to reflect increased supplies and services costs related to the provision of current programmatic requirements.

#### 14. Debt Service Reestimate

| Agency Request |         |           |         |             | Governor's Recommendations |           |             |           |
|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Source         | FY      | 26        | F۱      | <b>′</b> 27 | FY2                        | 26        | FY2         | 27        |
| of Funds       | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions   | Dollars                    | Positions | Dollars     | Positions |
| GPR            |         | 0.00      |         | 0.00        | -41,511,200                | 0.00      | -35,847,400 | 0.00      |
| PR-O           |         | 0.00      |         | 0.00        | 9,116,800                  | 0.00      | -3,357,100  | 0.00      |
| TOTAL          |         | 0.00      |         | 0.00        | -32,394,400                | 0.00      | -39,204,500 | 0.00      |

The Governor recommends adjusting the system's base budget to reflect a reestimate of debt service on authorized bonds.

# 15. Standard Budget Adjustments

| Agency Request |            |           |            |           | Governor's Recommendations |           |            |           |
|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Source         | FY26       | 6         | FY2        | 27        | FY2                        | 26        | FY2        | 27        |
| of Funds       | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions | Dollars                    | Positions | Dollars    | Positions |
| GPR            | 31,829,000 | 0.00      | 31,829,000 | 0.00      | 31,829,000                 | 0.00      | 31,829,000 | 0.00      |
| TOTAL          | 31,829,000 | 0.00      | 31,829,000 | 0.00      | 31,829,000                 | 0.00      | 31,829,000 | 0.00      |

The Governor recommends adjusting the system's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$31,361,000 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$468,000 in each year).