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HOPE Agenda Bills Move Forward

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), author of 30 bipartisan bills aimed at combating Wisconsin's opioid epidemic released the following statement:

“Last week, several committees held public hearings on the new round of HOPE agenda legislation. I am proud to report that all of these bills were passed out of committee with bipartisan support,” said Rep. Nygren.

“The HOPE Agenda is about more than opioids and heroin, it's about addressing the mental health needs that lead to addiction,” said Rep. Nygren. “It's acknowledging that addiction isn't some moral failing meant to be shamed into oblivion, it's a disease that should and must be treated like diabetes or heart disease.”

The package of bills that were passed out of committee today will build upon our prior work and continue the progress we have made, while at the same time expanding the scope of the HOPE agenda to address addiction in multiple facets. They will accomplish this by doing the following:

- Expand access to safe and reliable recovery housing;
- Ensure state employees protections while undoing Medication-Assisted Treatment;
- Extend the highly successful PDMP requirements;
- Expand access to MAT in our corrections environments;
- Remove barriers to Recovery Coaches; and,
- Extend the 911 Good Samaritan law to continue to save lives

“I would like to thank the countless members of the public who came out in support of these bills and offered suggestions to make them better,” said Rep. Nygren. “The amendments offered and passed reflect what we heard in the public hearings. I would like to offer my gratitude to my colleagues on the Assembly Committees on Health and Substance Abuse and Prevention for their support of these bills,” said Rep. Nygren. “I look forward to seeing these important bills on the floor of the Assembly soon.”