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Rep. Kapenga Co-Sponsors Drug Testing Requirements

Madison – Representative Chris Kapenga added his name as a co-sponsor of two bills that will require drug testing in order to receive welfare benefits from FoodShare and Unemployment Insurance.

“I am proud to join with Rep. Rohrkaste (R-Neenah), the author of Assembly Bills 191 and 192, in supporting these important pieces of legislation” said Representative Kapenga. “Unemployment Insurance and FoodShare both require eligible participants to be job ready; this is one key step in the process to prepare people to get back to work as soon as possible. I believe these bills give people a hand-up, rather than a hand-out, towards a family-supporting job. ”

Today, the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform held a public hearing on Assembly Bills 191 and 192, which require drug abuse screening for FoodShare and Unemployment Insurance applicants. This legislation was included in Governor Walker’s 2015-17 biennial budget.

“As Vice-Chair of the Public Benefit Reform Committee, I support removing these provisions from the budget so that they can be discussed by the members of the Legislature tasked with tackling fraud, waste, and abuse in our welfare programs,” said Representative Kapenga. “I look forward to working with the author of these bills, as well as the other members of the committee, to move these important bills forward.”

The next step for both bills is a vote by the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform. An executive session has not been scheduled at this time.

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