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Co-Chairs of Audit Committee Support Audit of Veterans Home at King

MADISON – Joint Legislative Audit Committee Co-Chairs Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) and Representative Samantha Kerkman (R-Salem) pledged their support today to approve an audit of the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King by the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB). The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King is a 24-hour skilled nursing care center and home to more than 700 veterans. The co-chairs' support follows an audit request made by Senator Luther Olsen (R-Ripon).

During the recent legislative session, the Co-chairs asked for and received correspondence from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) that addressed in detail concerns raised by legislators and others.

As concerns about veterans' care and funding of the home continue to accrue, Co-Chairs Cowles and Kerkman agree that further examination and analysis of the Veterans Home at King by the Audit Bureau will provide beneficial information and structure with which to continue the discussion and evaluation of concerns.

“Honoring our nation’s veterans has long been one of my highest priorities as a legislator. As co-chair of the Audit Committee and a sitting member on the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, I want to continue to give veterans the respect they deserve and approve an audit of the Veterans Home at King. We have a duty, not only as legislators, but as Americans to ensure that those who risk their lives for our country receive the highest level of care. I am going to work with my colleagues on the committee to expedite the approval of this audit to help identify deficiencies and resolve any problems,” stated Senator Cowles.

“I have deep respect and admiration for our veterans,” said Rep. Kerkman. “Attentiveness to the quality of care at the King Veterans Home and appropriate administration and funding directly honors their service. I look forward to convening a Joint Audit Committee meeting and approving this audit.”

An audit of the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King could examine changes in acute and behavioral care trends, staffing levels, training and retention, resident satisfaction and complaint procedures, facility conditions, previous audit recommendation implementation, and funding.

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