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Stroebel Praises Senate, Assembly Action

Madison, WI – This week the duly seated legislature passed a package of bills that codifies existing reforms and ensures that the legislature is able to exercise appropriate oversight over state agencies. Sen. Duey Stroebel, (R-Cedarburg) released the following statement praising the legislative action:

“It is important that what is working for Wisconsin today continues to work for Wisconsin tomorrow. Reforms that have generated cost savings, resulted in efficiencies and reduced the burden of government must remain in place. Wisconsin has come a long way in the last 8 years and now is not the time to abandon proven solutions that are working on behalf of state taxpayers. If Governor-elect Tony Evers wants to make changes, the legislative process is at his disposal.

“I’m thrilled that my colleagues joined me in codifying ‘fed-swap’ reforms which were made possible with an authorization in the state budget. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has recently pursued an internal policy that consolidates federal dollars on projects that are bound by federal mandates. This allows more state dollars, which may be spent without the burden of costly federal regulations, to be used on state and local road projects. As a result, more road projects can be accomplished with current dollars.

“Ensuring that this reform is in statute will prevent Governor-elect Evers from, on his own, undoing the prevailing wage reforms we achieved under Governor Scott Walker. It would be fiscally irresponsible to return to an era of higher cost projects merely to satisfy the demands of a few well-connected special interests.

“Senate Republicans also passed legislation establishing a uniform early voting period across the state. This was something we did once before in 2014, and many states have early voting laws that are far more restrictive than what we passed in 2014 and what we passed this week. Our new language is a good faith effort to resolve concerns raised in federal court while also ensuring that all Wisconsinites have uniform access to early voting.”

Sen. Stroebel represents the 20th Senate District which is comprised of portions of Ozaukee, Washington, Sheboygan, Calumet and Fond du Lac counties.

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