



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Fifth Regular Session

TUESDAY, January 16, 2001

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

To committee on **Financial Institutions**.
Referred on January 16, 2001.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 00-065

Relating to the use of renewable resource credits.
Submitted by Public Service Commission.
Report received from Agency, January 5, 2001.
To committee on **Energy and Utilities**.
Referred on January 16, 2001.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 00-118

Relating to deer management unit boundaries and population goals.
Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.
Report received from Agency, January 8, 2001.
To committee on **Natural Resources**.
Referred on January 16, 2001.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 00-119

Relating to pesticide product restrictions.
Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.
Report received from Agency, January 3, 2001.
To committee on **Agriculture**.
Referred on January 12, 2001.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 00-126

Relating to renewal of expired credentials.
Submitted by Department of Commerce.
Report received from Agency, January 3, 2001.
To committee on **Labor and Workforce Development**.
Referred on January 12, 2001.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 00-152

Relating to outdoor advertising sign annual fees.
Submitted by Department of Transportation.
Report received from Agency, January 3, 2001.
To committee on **Transportation**.
Referred on January 12, 2001.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 00-166

Relating to placing the name and location of a bank home office on a bank check.
Submitted by Department of Financial Institutions.
Report received from Agency, January 9, 2001.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Joint Resolution 1

Relating to: the right of individuals to fish, hunt, trap, and take game (first consideration).

By Representatives Gunderson, Johnsrud, Pettis, Jensen, Suder, Kreuser, Wade, Starzyk, Kedzie, Lippert, Shilling, D. Meyer, Hoven, Hundertmark, Friske, Seratti, Nass, Kaufert, Gronemus, Petrowski, Kestell, Bies, Loeffelholz, Ott, Lassa, Huebsch, Skindrud, Freese, Musser, Gard, Stone, Krawczyk, Ladwig, Vrakas, Townsend, Hahn, Owens, Sykora, Duff, Albers, Gundrum, Ward, Rhoades, McCormick, Leibham, Kreibich, Montgomery, Plouff, F. Lasee and Balow; cosponsored by Senators Decker, Zien, Schultz, Harsdorf, Breske, Roessler, Farrow, Darling, Shibilski, A. Lasee, S. Fitzgerald and Welch, by request of 3,122 citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 2

Relating to: the vote on bills that would increase certain tax rates (first consideration).

By Representatives Suder, Hundertmark, Jensen, Starzyk, Hahn, Loeffelholz, Kestell, Sykora, Rhoades, Kedzie, J. Fitzgerald, Jeskewitz, F. Lasee, Ladwig, Montgomery, Gunderson, Vrakas, Nass, Huebsch, Grothman, Pettis, Leibham, Owens, Kreibich, Albers, Ainsworth and Hoven; cosponsored by Senators Welch, Zien and Darling.

To committee on **Tax and Spending Limitations**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 3

Relating to: the life and public service of Edgar E. Lien.

By Representatives Hahn, Wade, Ryba, Stone, Urban, Sherman, Rhoades, Ladwig, Nass, Gronemus, Albers, Krawczyk, McCormick and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senators Breske, Schultz, Welch, Risser, Rosenzweig, Farrow, Baumgart and Huelsman.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 4

Relating to: commending Dick Bennett on his career, accomplishments, and contributions to Wisconsin basketball.

By Representatives Gunderson, Hundertmark, Ainsworth, Albers, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Duff, Foti, Gard, Gronemus, Grothman, Gundrum, Hebl, Hoven, Huebsch, Jeskewitz, Johnsrud, Kestell, Kreibich, Kreuser, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Miller, Vrakas, McCormick, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Pocan, Powers, Rhoades, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Sinicki, Stone, Sykora, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Wade, Walker, Ward, Wood and Ziegelbauer; cosponsored by Senators Erpenbach, Baumgart, Breske, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Farrow, S. Fitzgerald, George, Moen, Panzer, Plache, Risser, Roessler, Schultz, Welch and Wirch.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 5

Relating to: memorializing Congress to establish daylight savings time year-round throughout the United States.

By Representatives Musser, La Fave, Ryba, Nass, Hoven and Hahn; cosponsored by Senators Grobschmidt, Wirch, Risser and Schultz.

To committee on **State Affairs**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 6

Relating to: reasonable limits on state or local campaign expenditures (first consideration).

By Representatives Carpenter, Ryba, Bock, Plouff, Miller, Kreuser, Boyle, Gronemus and Morris-Tatum; cosponsored by Senators Baumgart and Wirch.

To committee on **Campaigns and Elections**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 7

Relating to: the vote on bills that would increase certain tax rates or broaden the base of the state sales tax (first consideration).

By Representatives Ziegelbauer, Sykora, F. Lasee, Musser, Plale, Ryba, Seratti and Pettis; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Harsdorf, A. Lasee and Welch.

To committee on **Tax and Spending Limitations**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 8

Relating to: procedures for committees of conference.

By Representatives Montgomery, Ladwig, Ainsworth, Albers, Bock, Carpenter, Cullen, Huebsch, Kestell, Krawczyk, Leibham, McCormick, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Owens, Powers, Rhoades, Suder, Vrakas, Walker, Williams, Townsend and Lippert; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Roessler and Harsdorf.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 9

Relating to: limiting the number of consecutive terms permitted for state constitutional officers and members of the state legislature (first consideration).

By Representatives Ziegelbauer, Kaufert, Ladwig, McCormick and Powers; cosponsored by Senator Baumgart.

To committee on **Government Operations**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 10

Relating to: limiting the annual percentage increase in property taxes assessed on real property (first consideration).

By Representatives Pettis, McCormick, Freese, D. Meyer, Reynolds, Ryba, Ladwig, Kreibich and F. Lasee.

To committee on **Tax and Spending Limitations**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 11

Relating to: the life and public service of LeRoy Pete Litscher.

By Representatives Albers, Wade, Boyle, Freese, Gronemus, Hahn, Hundertmark, Jeskewitz, Ladwig, McCormick, Miller, Nass, Owens, Plouff, Powers, Rhoades, Ryba, Sykora, Turner, Vrakas, Walker and Williams; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Breske, Darling, Farrow, Plache and Welch.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 12

Relating to: commemorating and supporting the achievements and contributions of the Boy Scouts of America.

By Representatives Nass, Hundertmark, Petrowski, Ott, Ziegelbauer, Duff, Ainsworth, Gundrum, Wade, Ladwig, Leibham, Jeskewitz, Grothman, Albers, Sykora, Kreibich, Suder, Walker, Owens, Urban, Gronemus, Kedzie, Vrakas, Freese, Skindrud, McCormick, Plale, Staskunas, Gard, Pettis and Townsend; cosponsored by Senators Decker, Zien, Roessler, Schultz, Farrow, Baumgart, Cowles, Lazich, S. Fitzgerald, M. Meyer, Darling and Harsdorf.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 1

Relating to: limitations on state appropriations from general purpose revenue.

By Representatives Wieckert, Krawczyk, Pettis, F. Lasee, Starzyk, Lippert, Grothman, Hundertmark, Suder, Friske, Skindrud, Montgomery, Owens, Jensen, Kestell and McCormick; cosponsored by Senators Darling and Welch.

To committee on **Tax and Spending Limitations**.

Assembly Bill 2

Relating to: scheduling of referenda by local governments.

By Representatives Skindrud, Jensen, Walker, Ward, Ainsworth, Bies, Freese, Gunderson, Hahn, Hoven, Huebsch, Jeskewitz, Krawczyk, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Leibham, McCormick, D. Meyer, Nass, Rhoades, Stone, Urban, Vrakas, Albers and Friske; cosponsored by Senator Welch.

To committee on **Tax and Spending Limitations**.

Assembly Bill 3

Relating to: classification and elements of felony offenses and certain misdemeanor offenses; criminal sentences and commitments; modification of a bifurcated sentence in certain cases; revocation of extended supervision; the creation of a sentencing commission and temporary sentencing guidelines; making an appropriation; and providing penalties.

By Representatives Walker and Huber; cosponsored by Senators Burke and Huelsman.

To committee on **Criminal Justice**.

Assembly Bill 4

Relating to: permitting an educational agency to refuse to employ or to terminate from employment an unpardoned felon.

By Representatives Petrowski, Starzyk, Pettis, Bies, Jensen, Montgomery, Friske, Huebsch, Walker, Musser, Hahn, Stone, Vrakas, Plale, Freese, La Fave, Nass, Leibham, Kestell, Ladwig, Ainsworth, D. Meyer, Hundertmark, Townsend, McCormick, Owens, Jeskewitz, Grothman, Hoven, Duff, Gronemus, Skindrud, F. Lasee, Gunderson, Kedzie, Suder, Kreibich, Ott, Urban, Loeffelholz, J. Fitzgerald, Lippert and Krawczyk; cosponsored by Senators Huelsman, Harsdorf, Schultz, Roessler, S. Fitzgerald and Darling.

To committee on **Criminal Justice**.

Assembly Bill 5

Relating to: authority of a court to suspend a juvenile's operating privilege for violations of ordinances unrelated to the operation of a motor vehicle or for failing to pay a penalty for such a violation.

By Representatives Ladwig, Starzyk, Bies, Friske, Krawczyk, Lippert, Loeffelholz, McCormick, Freese, Gronemus, Grothman, Hahn, Huebsch, Kestell, Kreuser, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Miller, Montgomery, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Rhoades, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Urban, Vrakas, Ward and Ziegelbauer; cosponsored by Senators Plache, Baumgart, Darling, Farrow, S. Fitzgerald, Harsdorf, Huelsman and Schultz.

To committee on **Judiciary**.

Assembly Bill 6

Relating to: liability of cities, villages, towns, and counties for damages caused by an insufficiency or want of repair of a highway.

By Representatives Albers, Kreuser, Ladwig, Gronemus, Musser, Gunderson, Wade, M. Lehman, Montgomery, Petrowski, Starzyk, Sykora, Seratti, Grothman, Hahn, Owens and Nass; cosponsored by Senators Breske, Schultz, Huelsman, Welch, A. Lasee and Farrow.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 7

Relating to: storage and handling of anhydrous ammonia, creating an exemption from civil liability, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Ott, Rhoades, Freese, Urban, Montgomery, Ladwig, Kestell, Sykora, Musser, Ward, Stone, Hundertmark, Albers, Pettis, La Fave, Ainsworth, Wade, Bies, Gronemus, Vrakas, Townsend, Plouff, Skindrud, Kreibich, Olsen, Gunderson, Lassa, Wasserman, Loeffelholz, Friske and Williams; cosponsored by Senators Erpenbach, Burke, Baumgart, Schultz, Zien and Roessler.

To committee on **Agriculture**.

Assembly Bill 8

Relating to: creating an individual income tax exemption for interest income received from deposits in financial institutions.

By Representatives Hoven, Plale, Ainsworth, Albers, Gronemus, Gunderson, Huebsch, Jeskewitz, Kreibich,

Ladwig, F. Lasee, Musser, Olsen, Ott, Petrowski, Skindrud, Stone, Turner, Vrakas, Wasserman and Williams; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Harsdorf, Huelsman, Rosenzweig, Schultz, Welch and Wirch.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

Assembly Bill 9

Relating to: transportation aids to local professional football stadium districts and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Montgomery, Gard, Ryba, Ziegelbauer, Jeskewitz, Krawczyk, Townsend, F. Lasee and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senators Cowles and Hansen.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Assembly Bill 10

Relating to: the registration of electors and the determination of eligible electors in certain municipalities on election day.

By Representatives Ladwig, Freese, Krawczyk, McCormick, Starzyk, Albers, Duff, Grothman, Hahn, Hoven, Huebsch, Jeskewitz, Kedzie, Kestell, F. Lasee, M. Lehman, Montgomery, Musser, Nass, Stone, Townsend, Urban, Vrakas, Wade and Ott; cosponsored by Senators Farrow, Cowles, Roessler and Schultz.

To committee on **Campaigns and Elections**.

Assembly Bill 11

Relating to: absentee voting.

By Representatives Ladwig, Freese, Krawczyk, McCormick, Starzyk, Grothman, Hahn, Hoven, Jeskewitz, Kestell, F. Lasee, Montgomery, Nass, Stone, Townsend, Urban, Vrakas, Wade and Ott; cosponsored by Senators Huelsman and Schultz.

To committee on **Campaigns and Elections**.

Assembly Bill 12

Relating to: requiring individuals to present identification in order to vote at a polling place.

By Representatives Ladwig, Freese, Krawczyk, McCormick, Starzyk, Albers, Duff, Grothman, Hahn, Hoven, Huebsch, Jeskewitz, Kedzie, Kestell, F. Lasee, M. Lehman, Montgomery, Musser, Nass, Stone, Townsend, Urban, Vrakas, Wade, Gunderson and Ott; cosponsored by Senators Farrow, Cowles, Roessler and Schultz.

To committee on **Campaigns and Elections**.

Assembly Bill 13

Relating to: compatible offices and positions for city, village, and town elective officeholders.

By Representatives Sherman, Musser, M. Lehman, Hahn, J. Lehman, Hebl, Powers, Plouff and Seratti.

To committee on **Campaigns and Elections**.

Assembly Bill 14

Relating to: use of child care funds to provide care for a child by a licensed child care provider who resides with the child and who is not a parent of the child.

By Representatives Sherman, Berceau, Ziegelbauer, Powers, Miller, Boyle, Sykora and Gronemus; cosponsored by Senators Jauch and Plache.

To committee on **Children and Families**.

Assembly Bill 15

Relating to: the sales tax and the use tax on purchases made with a manufacturer's rebate.

By Representatives M. Lehman, Sykora, Wood, Ziegelbauer, Vrakas, Wade, Ainsworth, Bock, Rhoades, Huebsch, Black, Kreibich, Leibham, Olsen, Musser, Kedzie, Gronemus, Grothman, Petrowski, Wasserman, F. Lasee and Owens; cosponsored by Senators S. Fitzgerald, Darling and Baumgart.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 16

Relating to: requiring headlamps and other required lamps on motor vehicles to be lighted whenever visibility is impaired by fog and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Olsen, Ott, Kreibich and Freese; cosponsored by Senators Huelsman and Rosenzweig.

To committee on **Highway Safety**.

Assembly Bill 17

Relating to: the filing of certain forms related to a tax incremental financing district.

By Representative Musser; cosponsored by Senator Moen.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 18

Relating to: the scope of regulation and reporting of information by nonresident registrants under the campaign finance law.

By joint committee for review of Administrative Rules.

To committee on **Campaigns and Elections**.

Assembly Bill 19

Relating to: single factor apportionment of income for corporate income tax and franchise tax purposes.

By Representatives Ziegelbauer, M. Lehman, Riley, Gronemus, La Fave, F. Lasee, Plale, Ryba, Seratti, Sykora and Pettis; cosponsored by Senators Plache, Breske, Darling, Farrow, Harsdorf, Roessler, Rosenzweig, Schultz and Baumgart.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 20

Relating to: the cut-off time for receipt of documents for filing and recording with a register of deeds.

By Representatives Powers, Starzyk, J. Lehman, Wade, Gronemus, Stone, Ladwig, Turner, Nass, M. Lehman, Plouff, Musser, Olsen, Kedzie, Gunderson, Pohan, Miller, Ott, Vrakas, Hebl and Ryba; cosponsored by Senators Plache, Farrow, Welch and Robson.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 21

Relating to: designating "Oh Wisconsin, Land of My Dreams" as the Wisconsin state ballad.

By Representatives Albers, Schneider, Freese, Turner, Ladwig, Gronemus, Owens and Wade; cosponsored by Senators Breske, Schultz and George.

To committee on **Government Operations**.

Assembly Bill 22

Relating to: creating a sales tax and use tax exemption for clothing and shoes.

By Representatives Ladwig, Suder, Balow, Boyle, Carpenter, Freese, Gronemus, Grothman, Huebsch, Kreibich, F. Lasee, Lassa, Petrowski, Pettis, Plale, Plouff, Powers, Wade and Wasserman; cosponsored by Senators Plache, Moore, Darling, A. Lasee, M. Meyer and Rosenzweig.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

Assembly Bill 23

Relating to: creating a sales tax and use tax exemption for clothing and shoes.

By Representatives Ladwig, Gronemus, Balow, Boyle, Carpenter, Freese, Grothman, Huebsch, Kreibich, F. Lasee, Lassa, Musser, Nass, Petrowski, Pettis, Plale, Plouff, Powers and Sinicki; cosponsored by Senators Moore, Plache, A. Lasee and M. Meyer.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

Assembly Bill 24

Relating to: residency requirements for persons who wish to take an examination for the position of deputy sheriff.

By Representatives Ladwig, Starzyk, J. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Gunderson, Huebsch, Hundertmark, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Musser, Owens, Petrowski, Powers and Stone; cosponsored by Senators Plache, Huelsman and S. Fitzgerald.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 25

Relating to: indexing for inflation the working families tax credit, the married couples tax credit, and the school property tax credit.

By Representatives Ziegelbauer, Huber, Kreuser, La Fave, F. Lasee, Plale, Plouff, Staskunas, Steinbrink and Wasserman; cosponsored by Senators Plache, Lazich and Roessler.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 26

Relating to: the fee for initial issuance of a reserve "Class B" license.

By Representatives Foti, Gronemus, Ladwig, Albers, Boyle, Duff, Grothman, Jeskewitz, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Leibham, La Fave, Olsen, Owens, Powers, Stone and Ziegelbauer; cosponsored by Senators Farrow, Harsdorf, Huelsman and Rosenzweig.

To committee on **State Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 27

Relating to: the type of notification for certain county zoning changes that are mailed to town clerks.

By Representatives Olsen, Ladwig, Powers, Huebsch, Wade, Ott, Huber, Musser, Freese, Plouff, Gunderson, Rhoades, Lassa, Ainsworth, M. Lehman, Miller, Hundertmark, Krawczyk, Nass and Hahn; cosponsored by Senators S. Fitzgerald, Welch, Roessler, Farrow, A. Lasee and Rosenzweig.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 28

Relating to: the sales tax exemption for electricity sold for residential use.

By Representatives Wade, Balow, Black, Freese, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Jeskewitz, Kreibich, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Pettis, Plale, Reynolds, Skindrud and Turner; cosponsored by Senators Welch, Darling, A. Lasee and Roessler.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

Assembly Bill 29

Relating to: establishing a presumption for employment-connected disease for state and county fire fighters.

By Representatives Wade, Ainsworth, Balow, Bock, Freese, Gronemus, Gunderson, Huebsch, Jeskewitz, Kedzie, Kreibich, Ladwig, J. Lehman, McCormick, Montgomery, Musser, Olsen, Ott, Pettis, Plouff, Pocan, Powers, Turner, Vrakas, Walker, Williams and Young; cosponsored by Senators Plache, Baumgart, Roessler and Schultz.

To joint survey committee on **Retirement Systems**.

Assembly Bill 30

Relating to: the issuance of wild turkey hunting licenses to qualified resident landowners.

By Representatives Gunderson, Johnsrud, Suder, Ladwig, Musser, Gronemus, Kedzie, Berceau, Hundertmark, Freese, Jeskewitz, Krawczyk, Huebsch, Plale, Powers, Owens, Wade, Skindrud and Stone; cosponsored by Senators Grobschmidt, Schultz, Welch, Farrow, Huelsman and A. Lasee.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Assembly Bill 31

Relating to: certain applicants for preference points under the cumulative preference system for issuing Class A bear hunting licenses.

By Representatives Gunderson, Johnsrud, Suder, Pettis, Kedzie, Ladwig, Freese, Huebsch, Gronemus, Kreibich, Kreuser, Musser, Olsen, Plouff, Powers, Skindrud, Steinbrink, Stone, Sykora and Wade; cosponsored by Senators Plache, Zien, Schultz and Harsdorf.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

January 2, 2001

State of Wisconsin
Council on Physical Disabilities
Madison

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

As required by § 46.29(f) of the state statutes, I am pleased to submit to you the Annual Report of the Council on Physical Disabilities for state fiscal year 2000 (July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000). The Council appreciates the opportunity to participate in state government as a representative of Wisconsin's citizens with physical disabilities.

Alternate versions of the report are available on request. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Laux O'Higgins at the Office for Persons with Physical Disabilities. She can be reached at (608) 266-8905 or via e-mail at lauxhm@dhfs.state.wi.us.

Sincerely,
LINDA ROWLEY
Chairperson

Referred to committee on **Health**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Justice
Madison

January 8, 2001

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Section 165.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the Department of Justice to report on the performance of cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs receiving aid under this section. This letter constitutes our report.

The County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to help local law enforcement provide needed services in Indian communities. In addition, this program helps build a cooperative atmosphere and positive relationship between law enforcement and tribal governments and communities. Departmental staff is available to discuss this report and this important program.

Sincerely,
JAMES E. DOYLE
Attorney General

Referred to committee on **Criminal Justice**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

January 12, 2001

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the State's recycling activities, as directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. State expenditures from the segregated Recycling Fund for fiscal year (FY) 1999-2000 were \$28.9 million, used primarily for grants to municipalities for the operation of recycling programs. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers these grants and has primary responsibility for the State's recycling efforts.

The best data available indicate Wisconsin recycled 36 percent of its municipal solid waste in 1995, and the national average was 26 percent in that year. Wisconsin is one of few states nationally that provides substantial financial support to local programs; Wisconsin's grant payments in calendar year

2000 were \$24.4 million. Minnesota is the only other midwestern state that provides substantial state support to local recycling programs. Minnesota budgeted \$14.0 million for local grants in FY 2000-01 and achieved residential per capita recycling rates similar to Wisconsin's.

Wisconsin grants to municipalities support an average of 30.4 percent of local recycling costs and are used for a broad array of local costs, including salaries, equipment, and administration. However, our review found little relationship between the percentage of local costs covered by a municipality's grant and the municipality's recycling rate.

Although DNR is authorized 19.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) recycling positions, only 15.4 FTE reported working on recycling activities. In addition, DNR has not met a statutory

requirement to audit at least 5.0 percent of grants provided to municipalities each year. We include a recommendation that DNR devote its 0.5 FTE recycling auditor position exclusively to audits of municipal recycling grants and suggest DNR report to the Legislature on the relationship of its authorized positions to local recycling efforts.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DNR, municipal recycling managers, and staff with recycling-related responsibilities in the Department of Commerce and the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor