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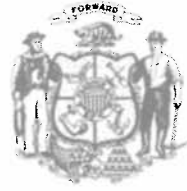
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WISCONSIN STATE SENATE
MAJORITY LEADER
DALE W. SCHULTZ

January 5, 2006

The Honorable Ted Kanavas
Wisconsin State Senator
10 South – Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Senator Kanavas:

The Committee on Senate Organization has approved your request on behalf of the members of the Senate Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs to travel to Sheboygan/Manitowoc on January 12, Brookfield on February 7, and Eau Claire on February 9, 2006 for the purpose of holding Public Hearings on selected legislation and the topic of barriers to economic growth and job creation in Wisconsin.

Committee members understand that your request includes authorization to travel, reimbursement from the state for expenses associated with this motion, including expenses incurred by the Senate members of the committee, room set up fees, and minimal charges for technical support if needed.

Approval for travel is granted subject to the Senate not being in session.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale W. Schultz", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Senator Dale W. Schultz, Chair
Committee on Senate Organization

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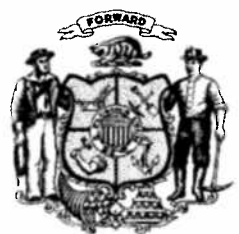
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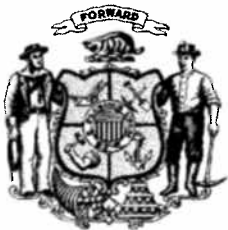
Senator Decker has several commitments on these dates and will be unable to attend the hearings.

Thank you.

Barb Worcester
Staff to Senator Decker



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Subject: Fw: MN JOBZ News

Feb 3, 2006

Source: Minnesota Dep't of Employment & Economic Development

DEED Analysis Shows Impressive First-Year Results from JOBZ Program

At Least \$70 million in Wages from 2,600 Jobs

St. Paul – In its first year of operation, Minnesota’s Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) initiative supported the creation of more than 2,600 jobs generating more than \$70 million in new annual wages for Minnesotans, according to a preliminary analysis prepared by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

“The most important role for government in economic development is to provide an environment where businesses can succeed and provide more jobs for Minnesotans,” said DEED Commissioner Matt Kramer. “As an economic development tool, JOBZ was designed to improve the overall standard of living in Greater Minnesota through business success and increased job opportunities. This analysis shows that it’s working.”

The Minnesota Department of Revenue has complete tax information for 114 of the 138 businesses that signed JOBZ business subsidy agreements in 2004. On the “cost” side, Revenue found that those 114 JOBZ businesses accounted for approximately \$5.7 million in state tax expenditures in 2004, including exemptions from the individual income tax, corporate franchise tax, general sales and use tax, and motor vehicle sales tax, and the jobs credit.

On the “benefit” side, those same businesses reported a direct addition of 938 full-time jobs to their payrolls, many of which wouldn’t be in Minnesota without JOBZ. The DEED analysis shows that about 1,700 additional “spin-off” positions were created by other businesses including suppliers as a result of JOBZ investments. The value of the benefits would be even higher if retained jobs and one-time capital investments were included.

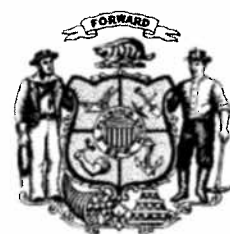
DEED expects to release a complete review of costs and benefits – including a regional analysis – in early March. This report will also present 2005 program activity as well as results from a survey of JOBZ businesses.

The JOBZ initiative is Governor Tim Pawlenty’s marquee program for stimulating economic development activity in Greater Minnesota. The initiative offers a variety of local and state tax incentives to eligible companies that start up or expand in one of the state’s 10 designated JOBZ zones.

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JOBZ program analyses coming in**DAVE BEAL, Business Columist, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Feb. 4, 2006**

Pawlenty administration officials Friday estimated that Minnesota's new JOBZ tax-incentive program has created 2,600 jobs, generating more than \$70 million in annual wages in the first year it took effect.

On the cost side, the state said businesses using the incentives were exempted from \$5.7 million in taxes in 2004.

While the state's **Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)** said these numbers are preliminary, they represent the first formal claims the department has made for the program.

"This analysis shows that it's working," DEED commissioner **Matt Kramer** said in a press release.

Kris Jacobs, executive director of the St. Paul-based **JOBS NOW Coalition** and a critic of the incentives program, promptly questioned the data.

"It's easy to put out a press release claiming benefits when you don't have to reveal how the data was crunched and what assumptions were used in the analysis to make the claims therein," she countered.

For example, Jacobs said, the coalition hasn't gotten responses to its questions about the difference between "committed" and "created" jobs, or how the state calculates average hourly wages.

"It may be a perfectly wonderful thing," she said of JOBZ, but "we just don't know from this press release."

DEED said Friday it expects to come out with a "complete review of costs and benefits, including a regional analysis" in March.

The JOBZ legislation, passed in 2003, gave the department the power to steer tax incentives to new businesses in 10 "job opportunity zones" — economically distressed areas — outside the Twin Cities.

The program grants tax holidays to businesses of up to 12 years, from 2004 to 2015. For purposes of the estimates, the state tabulated exempted taxes on corporate income, general sales and uses, motor vehicles and some other levies.

The program, advocated by **Gov. Tim Pawlenty** even before he was elected in 2002, represents a sea change for Minnesota. Previously, the state put stricter limits on its development incentives than many other states.

But JOBZ is a more far-reaching development tool than some other states have, notably neighboring Wisconsin. The Minnesota incentives spurred a move last year by Wisconsin legislators and development interests to respond with similar incentives. Their effort failed.

The program won wide support from Minnesota legislators. One of its earliest and biggest backers was **Rep. Doug Magnus**, a Republican legislator from the southwestern corner of Minnesota. Magnus and many other outstate legislators are counting on JOBZ to help revitalize their economically depressed areas.

DEED officials said their analysis shows that JOBZ directly added 938 jobs plus another 1,700 "spin-off" jobs at other employers. The 2,600 total would be higher if part-time and retained jobs and the impact of capital investment were added in, says DEED official **Bob Isaacson**.

The identities of the companies benefiting from JOBZ, and how many jobs they claim for their projects, are posted on DEED's Web site (www.deed.state.mn.us).

Meanwhile, a cloud of litigation still hangs over the program.

Early last year, former Minnesota Lt. Gov. **Alec Olson** and a second plaintiff alleged in a lawsuit that the JOBZ program violates the Minnesota Constitution.

The case is in the court of Ramsey County District **Judge Marybeth Dorn**.

Both sides are working on an agreement to stipulate to the facts of the case. That would enable both to move for a summary judgment in their favor. After a hearing, a court ruling could come by late summer.

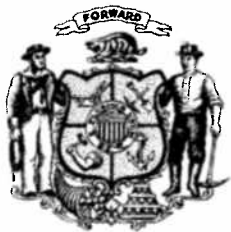
One other not-so-insignificant wrinkle: Olson alleges that the JOBZ program violates the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The federal appeals court in Ohio cited this clause a year ago in affirming a lower court decision that massive subsidies won by **DaimlerChrysler** to build a large factory in Toledo were unconstitutional.

The **U.S. Supreme Court** has agreed to hear the case soon — one of the most closely watched cases it will consider in its current term.

The outcome of the case could affect the future of the entire JOBZ program.



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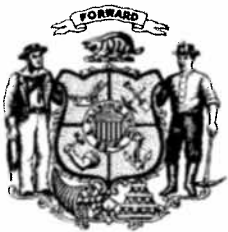


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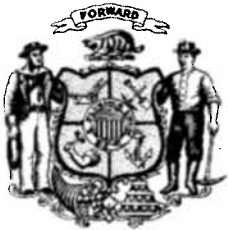


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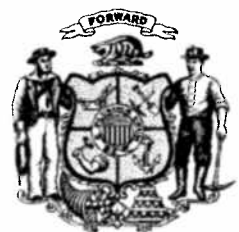
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March 1 ??
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| AB 129 | Leibham/Ziegelbauer | ASK TED - HEAR, AMEND (Senate Substitute Amendment 1) & EXEC | Passed Assembly 74-18 | SB 117 Companion, Gasper - 62056 | NEEDS TO BE AMENDED - As amended - will create a 5 day grace period before a person is ineligible to pay property taxes in installments. DOR is neutral on the Sub Amendment. |
| AB 297 | Jensen/Darling | ASK TED - HEAR & EXEC | Education tax credit for businesses - Passed Assembly 62-34, KANAVAS COSPONSOR - strong support from WMC, MMAC, many others | Knudson - 46970 Petri - 65830 | The credit is an amount equal to: 1) 50 percent of the tuition paid by abusing for an individual to attend school in a taxable year, if the individual is enrolled in a degree-granting program; and 2) 75 percent of the tuition paid by abusing for an individual to attend school in a taxable year, if the individual is enrolled in a degree-granting program and if the individual's taxable income is not more than 185 percent of the federal poverty line. |
| AB 718 | Wieckert/Lasee | HEAR & EXEC | individual income tax credit for sales tax paid on the purchase of gun-club memberships and admissions to gun-club activities | Wieckert's office said Ch 4 & 12 will likely cover | KANAVAS COSPONSOR |
| AB 912 | J.Fitz/Olsen | HEAR & EXEC | Passed Assembly 97-0, support from banking community | inundated w/e-mails in favor | Identity Theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States. The Credit Freeze will allow consumers to lock their credit reports and stop any new credit from being taken out in their name. Twelve other states have passed similar legislation and roughly 35 bills are pending. |
| SB 515 | Roessler/Strachota | HEAR & EXEC | certification of woman-owned businesses | | |
| SB 595 | Kanavas/Montgomery | HEAR & EXEC | Cell Phone Bill - obtaining, selling, or soliciting a telephone record that pertains to another person without the person's consent and providing a penalty | T-Mobile & WSTA support | A person who violates the prohibitions in the bill may be fined up to \$50,000, imprisoned up to 15 years, or both, and may be required to forfeit property used or intended to be used in the violation. Under the bill, a person who is the subject of a telephone record obtained or disclosed in violation of the provisions of the bill may bring an action against the violator for \$1,000 or the amount of the person's damages. |
| SJR 61 | Kanavas/Kleefisch | HEAR & EXEC | Approval of certain state contracts negotiated by the governor | opposed by most native american tribes supported by enough! | constitutional amendment (first consideration) |

Amendment includes TTY phones for hearing impaired

SB 619

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| SB 449 | Kanavas/Yos | EXEC | INVEST WI - Innovation Tax Credit | | TED: YES, ZIEN: YES, REYNOLDS: NO, LASSA: ??? DECKER: NO |
| AB 614 | Moulton/Brown | EXEC | Passed Assembly 94-0, supported by Towns Assoc. | | |
| SB 566 | Kanavas/Hundertmark | AMEND (Senate Sub Amendment 1) EXEC | INVEST WI - Entrepreneur Package | | Amendment will change the bill from a tax credit to tax exemption REYNOLDS NEED |
| SB 404 | Olsen/Towns | ASK TED - HEAR, AMEND (Senate Substitute Amendment 1) & EXEC | Mobile Home Tax Credit | Casey - 69650 | Targets rogue assessors who are assessing personal property tax on tax-exempt recreational mobile homes because temporary aftermarket attachments or additions cause the recreational mobile home to exceed 400 sq ft. SB 404 will clarify that aftermarket attachments to a mobil home under 400 sq ft do not contribute to total sq footage making the mobile home taxable |
| SB 407 | DOR | ASK TED - HEAR & EXEC | eliminating outdated reference | none | requested by DOR, introduced by Law Revision Committee. This bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes. These changes are desirable as a matter of public policy |
| SB 458 | Kapanke/Huebsch | ASK TED - HEAR & EXEC | Tax Payment Issue | missy - 608-782-3975 | NEED TO PASS AMENDMENT - As amended - clarifies that taxpayers are not at fault for inadvertent errors on their tax forms. EXAMPLE: LaX businessman put his nontaxable account number on a tax form instead of the taxable number |
| SB 570 | Kapanke/Vukmir | DEAD - HEAR & EXEC | COLOMBUS PARK | Could be a messy hearing | Cities oppose because they want more property tax revenue, several hospitals w/extended care facilities support as do multiple benevolent care assisted living homes |
| SB 596 | Stepp/Gottlieb | ASK TED - HEAR & EXEC | Cuts red tape for reshaping TIF District (TID) | Denise Solie | Helps streamline the process of creating TIF districts Darcy |
| SB 379 | Lassa/Schilling | ASK TED - EXEC | Downtown WI Act | Monica - 63123 | creates definition and certification process for downtowns interested in ED efforts, require DOT to work w/DOC to determine impact on central business districts, requests a study of promoting rural historic preservation efforts |
| SB 522 | Zien/Suder | ASK TED - EXEC | Clark County Main St. Bill | | Makes counties eligible for the Main St WI program and requires the selection of Clark County for participation next year as a pilot program (Suder has amendments) |

SB 596 - helps out
Petrowski's District

Logging Bill
Car Rental Bill (Amy Boyer & Andy Franken)
Nishke Bill

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| SB 435 | Kanavas/Nischke | DEAD - AMEND (Senate Sub Amendment 1, Senate Amendment to Senate Sub 1) EXEC | INVEST WI - BTA | Amendment loses Dems & WI Tech Council | Senate Sub Amendment 1 makes it an exemption (not a credit) Senate Amendment 1(right to life amendment) TED: YES, ZIEN: as amended YES, REYNOLDS: NO, LASSA: as amended questionable, DECKER: as amended questionable |