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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

2009-10

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Senate

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Committee on ... Economic Development (SC-ED)

COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

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INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
(**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
(**sb** = Senate Bill) (**sr** = Senate Resolution) (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**


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Moved by Senator Vinehout, seconded by Senator Kreitlow that
Assembly Bill 771 be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (4) Senators Lassa, Lehman, Vinehout and
Kreitlow.

Noes: (3) Senators Kanavas, Darling and Leibham.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 3



Mark Knickelbine
Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Economic Development

Date: 4/19/06

Moved by: Vinehout

Seconded by: Kreitlow

AB 771 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

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Be recommended for:
 Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrency

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator Julie Lassa, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator John Lehman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Kathleen Vinehout	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Pat Kreitlow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ted Kanavas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Alberta Darling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Joseph Leibham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried Motion Failed

March 2, 2010

**Testimony of Rep. Ann Hraychuck
Before the Assembly Committee on Rural Economic Development
Regarding Assembly Bill 771**

Good morning, Chairman Garthwaite and committee members. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with information about Assembly Bill 771.

The number one priority of Assembly Democrats is to get our economy back on track by boosting business and creating family-supporting jobs. One of the ways to do that is by ensuring Wisconsin workers have access to the right training, no matter where they live in the state. At a time when our business climate is changing, funding for worker retraining programs is critical.

This legislation will provide \$710,000 to purchase and install equipment within the existing Wisconsin Job Center network to complement the existing video conferencing system in four job centers (Madison, Jefferson, Sauk, and Marquette). Last year the South Central Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board piloted a video conferencing program and demonstrated significant financial savings. Pat Schramm, the Executive Director for the Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin, is here to testify today. She can provide specific details on how this technology has been successful in the south central part of the state.

Video conferencing is on the cutting edge of high tech job training, and allows a trainer in one city to simultaneously assist job seekers in multiple locations throughout the state. For example, an interview preparation workshop being taught in Milwaukee could be broadcast to Janesville, Wausau, Phillips, Tomah and Green Bay. Currently this training would likely occur at only one Job Center at a time. By offering trainings through video conferencing, you can increase access to trainings while simultaneously decreasing cost through reduced staff time and travel.

Once the additional video conferencing infrastructure is in place, the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association projects \$1.84 million in savings over the next five years. This savings will be reinvested into the video conferencing system.

Sites for this new technology will be located in rural and mid-size communities throughout the state. The regional boards also plan to develop partnerships with local agencies—such as school districts and UW-Extension—in other communities to add more potential training sites.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Date?

Job Training in the New Economy

Video Conference Infrastructure Proposal



Request: Co-sponsor AB-771 (Hraychuck), which provides \$710,000 in video conferencing equipment for 20 Job Centers, which will result in savings of \$1.84M that Workforce Development Boards will reinvest in more employment training.

Background:

Every Job Center across the state is doing more with less. In May of 2008 the Department of Workforce Development, who is also facing dwindling federal resources, announced that the Job Center System would be consolidated to only 22 locations statewide.

Video Conferencing is on the cutting edge of high tech job training, allowing a trainer in one city to simultaneously assist dozens of job seekers in multiple locations throughout the state. Imagine an interview preparation workshop being taught in Milwaukee and broadcast to Janesville, Wausau, Phillips, Tomah, and Green Bay. Currently, that training course would likely only occur in one Job Center at a time, duplicating staffing costs and resulting in fewer job seekers accessing the training. **Simply put, purchase of this technology will cut down on overall costs for each and every job center. This savings will then be reinvested in more job training programs for other workers.**

Proposal:

This proposal covers funding for the purchase and installation of equipment within the existing Wisconsin Job Center network to complement the existing video conferencing system in four Job Centers (Madison, Jefferson, Sauk, and Marquette). **A synergistic system with a standard and integrated platform will provide the ability for job seekers and businesses to participate in collaborative meetings, career guidance workshops, and workforce readiness courses.** In addition to the variety of uses, video conferencing will reduce travel time and duplicated staff efforts.

We Need Your Help:

The WWDA requests \$710,000 in one-time financial support from the state to establish a statewide video conferencing system that will be fully integrated into each of our Job Centers. In total, **this 5-year plan is projected to cost approximately \$660,000 in monthly service costs, which will be paid by the Workforce Development Boards.**

The entire statewide system will save a projected \$500,000 each year. After funding operating costs for this technology, the state would have freed up \$368,000 each year for 5 years, which the Job Centers would invest in more job training. **With a \$710,000 state investment today, Job Centers will be able to invest \$1,840,000 in job training over the next 5 years.**

Anticipated Site List:

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| Eau Claire | La Crosse | Racine |
| Fennimore | Marinette | Rice Lake |
| Fond du Lac | Menasha | Superior |
| Green Bay | Milwaukee (2) | Tomah |
| Janesville | Pewaukee | Wausau |
| Kenosha | Phillips | West Bend |
| Wisconsin Rapids | | |

How Do You Save \$1.84 Million to Reinvest in Training?

Total Project Costs over 5 Years: \$710,000 + \$660,000 (5 yrs of service cost of \$132,000) = \$1,370,000

Net Savings: \$500,000/year - \$132,000/year (service fees) = \$368,000

Total Net Savings Over 5 Years: \$368,000/year X 5 years = \$1,840,000 that will be reinvested into more training