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

**2009-10**

(session year)

**Senate**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Labor, Elections, and Urban  
Affairs (SC-LEUA)**

**COMMITTEE NOTICES ...**

- Committee Reports ... **CR**
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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**

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs**

##### **Senate Bill 624**

Relating to: expanding the authority of political subdivisions to make residential energy efficiency improvement loans, and authorizing political subdivisions to make water efficiency improvement loans and impose special charges for the loans.

By Senators Lehman and Sullivan; cosponsored by Representatives Fields, Soletski and Cullen.

March 17, 2010      Referred to Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

April 8, 2010      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (4)    Senators Coggs, Wirsch, Lehman and Grothman.

Absent:    (1)    Senator A. Lasee.

##### Appearances For

- John Lehman — Senator
- Bruce Lindsay — Johnson Controls, Inc.

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Ed Huck — Wisconsin Alliance of Cities
- Curt Witynski — League of Wisconsin Municipalities
- Steve Kwaterski — City of Milwaukee
- James Buchen — Wisconsin Manufacturer's & Commerce

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 14, 2010      **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, A. Lasee and Grothman.

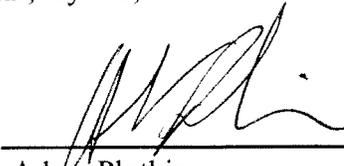
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Lehman, seconded by Senator Wirch that **Senate Bill 624** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, A. Lasee and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0



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Adam Plotkin  
Committee Clerk

## Vote Record

### Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs

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Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Moved by: LEHMAN      Seconded by: WIRCH

AB \_\_\_\_\_ SB 624 \_\_\_\_\_ Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR \_\_\_\_\_ SJR \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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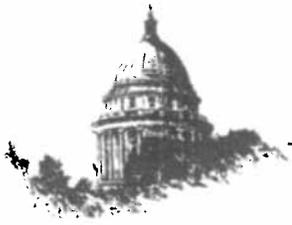
Be recommended for:

- 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>
<b>Senator Spencer Coggs, Chair</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Robert Wirch</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator John Lehman</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Alan Lasee</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Glenn Grothman</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	_____	_____

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



Wisconsin State Senate  
**John Lehman**  
Senator – 21st District

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**Testimony of State Senator John Lehman**  
**Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs**  
**April 8, 2010**  
**Senate Bill 624**

Chair Cogg and committee members, thank you, for the opportunity to offer my testimony in support of Senate Bill 624. I believe this legislation offers us a unique opportunity to maximize the use of federal recovery funds, leverage private investment, help business' boost their energy efficiency and bottom lines and create jobs.

PACE stands for "property assessed clean energy" and is a local financing model in use across the country and here in Wisconsin. Senate Bill 624 would modify current law to expand a municipality's ability to make loans for energy and water efficiency improvements to include commercial and industrial property. Repayments of the loan could be collected in installments or as part of the property tax bill.

One of the difficulties facing businesses and homeowners in these times of tight capital and budgets is finding the wherewithal to invest in things like energy efficiency that, while providing significant savings, can also have a significant up front cost. PACE programs provide an attractive means to those ends – risk is low because loans are secured by a lien on the property, repayments can stretch over longer periods of time and transfer between owners and total borrowing costs can be moderated by lower interest rates.

Part of my interest in this legislation is parochial. The cities of Racine, Milwaukee, Madison have joined together to submit an application for a federal recovery act grant of \$65 million for energy efficiency improvements for residential and business property owners. The grant application includes plans for PACE programs that would be authorized by this bill.

However, the bill would allow any community in the state to create a PACE program to help make capital available for energy and water efficiency improvements to commercial or industrial properties within their jurisdiction.

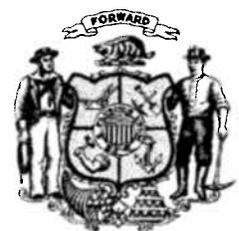
In addition, the impacts of PACE will be felt beyond the geographic borders of an individual municipality establishing a program. There will be increased economic activity throughout the state spurred by these investments - manufacturers of energy efficient products will have more orders, retailers will have more people making purchases and front line workers will have more installation work.

PACE is truly a means whereby the public sector can help the private sector by increasing the efficiency (and profitability) of businesses, spurring economic activity and job creation and even helping the environment. I hope SB 624 will have the support of the committee.

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# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





## SB-624 PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, ELECTIONS, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

APRIL 8, 2010

BRUCE LINDSAY, PUBLIC SECTOR SOLUTIONS MANAGER, JOHNSON CONTROLS

- Founded in 1885 and headquartered in Milwaukee, Johnson Controls is a global leader in automotive, building efficiency, and power solutions, with 133,000 employees in more than 1,300 locations around the world.
- Improving energy efficiency is one of the most effective ways for businesses to reduce costs and increase competitiveness. Energy efficiency improvements such as more efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems often pay for themselves through energy cost savings.
  - Municipalities throughout the United States have established PACE programs to provide homeowners and businesses with cost-effective energy solutions. At least 16 states have enacted PACE enabling legislation. In Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Racine, and River Falls currently have residential PACE programs.
  - PACE programs eliminate the upfront cost barrier for homeowners and businesses by spreading the capital cost of the improvement over a ten- to twenty-year period.
  - Municipalities benefit from PACE programs through local job creation, economic growth, and a low-risk, sustainable revolving loan fund.
  - SB-624 will give Wisconsin municipalities the flexibility to design PACE programs that work best for each community.
- Owner-arranged financing will provide additional private-sector funding and flexibility for municipalities and property owners.



# LEVA Exec + Hearing

4/8/10

SB 624

## EXEC

Kumbaya on SB172  
no GOP, quick roll

## HEARING

~~SB~~ Ronald Polacek

no one showed or registered

SB435

Kevin Kennedy

- has written testimony
- SC - ? on retaining records in financially feasible way
  - paper printout + ballots retained
  - problem is space on memory card
  - cost prohibitive to retain data electronically

John Washburn

- no written testimony, but a lot of supporting material
- takes some shots at Kevin + GAB
- impossible to check election complaints
- goes through his "sub" section by section
- central count tabulation
- concern with a personal challenge that he filed
- wants election records defined as open records

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## SB 435 cont.

### - John Washburn cont.

- thinks vendors are lying

- SC? on his "sub"

- disputed vendors claims

- JL? on votes shd be open records

- the totals shd be available

- SL? - alleging ballot box stuffing?

- not that stuffing happened, just a records retention issue

### - Shane Falk.

- ~~addresses~~ addresses Washburn's points

- 78% of state uses large optical scan machine

- cost prohibitive to remove + store

- still required to retain for 22 mos. after fed. election

- ballots only kept for 30 days.

- Assembly added amendment to address new equipment that utilizes flash drives

- keep 22 mo. retention under amendment if on new media

- Ch. 19 exempts products w/ code + other info that is proprietary + ensures security

- canvasses are retained for 10 years

- GAB tests voting equipment

- SC? on flash drive amendment

- AAI to AB 446 (?) explained

- GAB supports

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SB612Kena Taylor

- has written testimony
  - SC? on "ban the box"
  - not trying to give leg up, just remove disadvantage
  - let credentials speak to qualification for interview
- ~~~~~

Chris Ahmuty

- no written, brief remarks

Gordon Leech

- no written testimony, has some supporting documents
- testifying for IRR @ State Bar
- WI Employer Relations Assn.
- existence of ~~convicted~~ conviction record bad enough, regardless of what for
  - SC? on lack of employable skills
  - bill doesn't enlarge law

Hans Simpson

- convicted felon
- doesn't want to be burden on state, wants to add to tax eds
  - wants ability to tell story, can't do that without getting interview
  - used to own & run a large international business

John Metcalf & Robert Schreiber

- John has written testimony
- given brief background also
- Safe Place statute in WI law for current employees

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SB62 cont.

John McKeef & Robert Schweiker cont.

- Robert has no written remarks
- on opposite side from Gordon Leech
- WI already offers more protection than other states
- ~~man~~

David Pifer

- has written testimony
- ad libs a bit
- doesn't prevent asking at interview
- provides chance for redemption
- current system is discriminatory
- arguments against are red herrings
  - SC? - fair to applicant w/ pile system on phone
  - act of picking up phone is sign of selection

SB 624

John Lehman

- has written testimony
- SC? - just expansion
- yes

Bruce Lindsay

- reads written testimony, but passes out bullet points
- termed as a simple legislative fix

- ▶ Home
- ▶ Lobbying in Wisconsin
- ▶ Organizations employing lobbyists
- ▶ Lobbyists

Presented by the Wisconsin  
Government Accountability Board



as of Wednesday, April 07, 2010

2009-2010 legislative session

## Legislative bills and resolutions

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### Senate Bill 624

expanding the authority of political subdivisions to make residential energy efficiency improvement loans, and authorizing political subdivisions to make water efficiency improvement loans and impose special charges for the loans. (FE)

<b>TEXT</b> sponsors LRB analysis	<b>STATUS</b> committee actions and votes text of amendments	<b>COST &amp; HOURS</b> of lobbying efforts directed at this proposal
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Organization		These organizations have reported lobbying on this proposal:	Place pointer on icon to display comments, click icon to display prior comments		
Profile	Interests		Date Notified	Position	Comments
◆	◆	City of Milwaukee	3/18/2010	↑	
◆	◆	Johnson Controls Inc	3/18/2010	↑	
◆	◆	League of Wisconsin Municipalities	3/22/2010	↔	
◆	◆	Wisconsin Bankers Association	3/22/2010	?	
◆	◆	Wisconsin Realtors Association	4/5/2010	↑	
◆	◆	Wisconsin Utilities Association Inc	3/17/2010	?	

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