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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 105

February 3, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives KERKMAN, MACCO, NYGREN, SARGENT and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, DARLING, BEWLEY, VINEHOUT and LAZICH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending the Legislative Audit Bureau on the occasion of its 50th
2 year of service to the legislature.

3 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau was created on September 1, 1966, by
4 Chapter 659, Laws of Wisconsin 1965, as a nonpartisan legislative service agency
5 under the jurisdiction of the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization; and

6 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau is responsible for conducting financial
7 audits and performance evaluations to assist the legislature in its oversight function;
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9 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau's authority extends to executive,
10 legislative, and judicial agencies; authorities created by the legislature; special
11 districts; and certain service providers that receive state funds; and

12 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau's purpose is to provide assurance to the
13 legislature that financial transactions and management decisions are made
14 effectively, efficiently, and in compliance with state law and that state agencies carry
15 out the policies of the legislature and the governor; and

1 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau has reviewed financial transactions,
2 performed analyses of agency performance and public policy issues, formulated
3 conclusions regarding the causes of problems found, and developed
4 recommendations for improvement; and

5 Whereas, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee was created on May 5, 1976,
6 by Chapter 224, Laws of Wisconsin 1975, with advisory responsibilities for the
7 Legislative Audit Bureau; directs the Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct audits
8 and evaluations; receives and reviews reports issued by the Legislative Audit
9 Bureau; holds public hearings on Legislative Audit Bureau reports; and introduces
10 legislation pertaining to Legislative Audit Bureau recommendations; and

11 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau operates the Fraud, Waste, and
12 Mismanagement Hotline, as established by 2007 Wisconsin Act 126, to allow the
13 public and individuals within state government to report suspected fraud and other
14 improper acts by state agencies, employees, and contractors; and

15 Whereas, the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization has appointed four
16 State Auditors to lead the Legislative Audit Bureau's capable staff of nonpartisan
17 accountability professionals since its creation, including Robert Ringwood
18 (1968-1978); Dale Cattanach (1979-1998); Janice Mueller (1998-2011); and Joe
19 Chrisman (2011 to present); and

20 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau has consistently received unqualified
21 opinions on its system of quality control for financial audits from the National State
22 Auditors Association, which is the highest level of assurance that can be given for a
23 system of audit quality control; and

24 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau has consistently received national
25 recognition for the impact, scope, and quality of its performance evaluations from the

1 National Legislative Program Evaluation Society of the National Conference of
2 State Legislatures; and

3 Whereas, the contributions of the Legislative Audit Bureau to the field of
4 auditing and evaluation has extended beyond Wisconsin's borders through service
5 of its management and staff in professional organizations, including the National
6 State Auditors Association; the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers
7 and Treasurers; the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society; and the
8 National Conference of State Legislatures; and

9 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau, in conjunction with its sister
10 legislative service agencies the Legislative Technology Services Bureau, the
11 Legislative Reference Bureau, the Legislative Council Staff, and the Legislative
12 Fiscal Bureau, serves an integral function in support of the legislature and
13 Wisconsin state government; and

14 Whereas, the Legislative Audit Bureau will observe its 50th anniversary on
15 September 1, 2016; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
17 legislature congratulate the Legislative Audit Bureau on 50 years of service to the
18 legislature; recognize its long tradition of objectivity, independence, and
19 nonpartisanship; and thank its leadership and staff for the professional service it has
20 rendered to the legislature and to the citizens of the state; and, be it further

21 **Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
22 resolution to State Auditor Joe Chrisman and the staff of the Legislative Audit
23 Bureau.

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(END)