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## Champagne, Rick

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**From:** Toftness, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 02, 2008 4:15 PM  
**To:** Champagne, Rick  
**Subject:** RE: State Budget Transparency Legislation

Hi Rick - Rep. vos would like to redraft LRB 3490/3 for the upcoming session.

Thanks,

Jenny Toftness

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**From:** Champagne, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2007 12:43 PM  
**To:** Toftness, Jennifer  
**Subject:** RE: State Budget Transparency Legislation

Hi Jennifer:

Got your email and will enter the drafting request in the system. I will be in touch if I have questions.

Rick

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**From:** Toftness, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2007 12:40 PM  
**To:** Champagne, Rick  
**Subject:** State Budget Transparency Legislation

<http://www.federalespending.gov/documents/s2590.pdf>

Dear Rick,

Rep. Vos would like to create state legislation on federal transparency to mirror the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. I am starting with you because under issue areas, you are listed next to "state funding". If that is incorrect, please let me know.

The basic idea is there would be one central website that taxpayers could visit that would fully disclose state expenditures, including, but not limited to grants, contracts, and subcontracts.

The searchable website should also include specific agency expenditures, such as travel, office supplies and contractual expenditures of \$100 or over.

All agencies would be required to post checks written on to the site as well as credit card expenditures.

Wages and salaries of state employees should also be included.

Each agency's total budget would have to be disclosed and broken down into easily understandable categories so the average taxpayer would have a good understanding of what the agency spends their budget on.

Rep. Vos also realizes that there other sites such as vendor net and contract sunshine do exist. The intention is not to recreate the wheel with regard to these websites, but to somehow integrate them into the main website. A link to these sites would also be fine as long as those websites meet the criteria desired under new legislation.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Jenny Toftness

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2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 862

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February 21, 2008 - Introduced by Represent  
GUNDERSON, KERKMAN, LOTHIAN, MOLEPS  
MUSSEY, NASS, NYGREN, PETERSEN,  
cosponsored by Senators WIRCH, HANSI  
Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

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1 AN ACT to create 16.413 of the statutes; relating to: providing the public with  
2 information on state agency operations expenditures and state agency  
3 contracts and grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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The bill provides that, beginning on July 1, 2009, the Department of Administration (DOA) must ensure that all state agency expenditures for state operations exceeding \$100, including salaries and fringe benefits paid to state agency employees, are available for inspection on a searchable Internet Web site maintained by DOA. Under the bill, DOA must categorize the expenditure information on the Web site by state agency, expenditure category, expenditure amount, and the person to whom the expenditure is made. Any person must be able to search on the Web site aggregate expenditures for state operations by state agency, expenditure category, expenditure amount, and the person to whom the expenditure is made.

The bill further provides that, beginning on July 1, 2009, DOA must ensure that all of the following information relating to state agency grants and contracts is available for inspection on an Internet Web site: a copy of the contract and grant award; the state agency making the grant or entering into the contract; the name and address of the person receiving the grant or entering into the contract; the purpose of the grant or contract; the amount of the grant or the amount the state agency must expend under the contract and the name of the state fund from which the grant is paid or moneys are expended under the contract, and the amounts the person

searchable

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receiving the grant has received from the state as grants in each of the prior ten fiscal years and the amounts the person has received pursuant to contracts with any state agency in each of the prior ten fiscal years. Under the bill, DOA must make this information available on the Internet Web site no later than 30 days after the state agency makes a grant or enters into a contract.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 16.413 of the statutes is created to read:

**16.413 Disclosure of expenditures relating to state agency operations and state agency contracts and grants.** (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) "Financial instrument" includes any check, draft, warrant, money order, note, certificate of deposit, letter of credit, bill of exchange, credit or credit card, transaction authorization mechanism, marketable security, and any computer representation of them.

(b) "Grant" means a payment made to a person, other than aids to individuals and organizations and local assistance and the payment of salaries and fringe benefits for state employees.

(c) "Searchable Internet Web site" means a Web site that allows any person to search for both of the following:

1. State aggregate expenditures for state operations by state agency, expenditure category, expenditure amount, and the person to whom the expenditure is made.

2. Grants made by state agencies and contracts entered into by state agencies.

(d) "State agency" has the meaning given in s. 20.001 (1).

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1 (e) "State operations" means all purposes except aids to individuals and  
2 organizations and local assistance.

3 (2) STATE AGENCY EXPENDITURES FOR STATE OPERATIONS. (a) Beginning on July

4 1, <sup>2011</sup>~~2009~~, the department shall ensure that all state agency expenditures for state  
5 operations exceeding \$100, including salaries and fringe benefits paid to state  
6 agency employees, are available for inspection on a searchable Internet Web site  
7 maintained by the department. Copies of each financial instrument relating to these  
8 expenditures, other than payments relating to state employee salaries, shall be  
9 available for inspection on the <sup>searchable</sup> Internet Web site.

10 (b) The department shall categorize the expenditure information under par. (a)  
11 by state agency, expenditure category, expenditure amount, and the person to whom  
12 the expenditure is made. If any of the expenditure information may be found on other  
13 Web sites, the department shall ensure that the information is accessible through the  
14 <sup>searchable</sup> Internet Web site under par. (a).

15 (c) Beginning with expenditures made on July 1, <sup>2011</sup>~~2009~~, state agencies shall  
16 provide the department with all expenditure information required under par. (a) no  
17 later than 60 days after the expenditure is made. The department may specify the  
18 format in which state agencies provide the expenditure information.

19 (3) STATE AGENCY CONTRACTS AND GRANTS. (a) Beginning on July 1, <sup>2011</sup>~~2009~~, the  
20 department shall ensure that all of the following information relating to each grant  
21 made by a state agency or contract entered into by a state agency is available for  
22 inspection on a searchable Internet Web site maintained by the department:

- 23 1. A copy of the contract and grant award.
- 24 2. The state agency making the grant or entering into the contract.





**Basford, Sarah**

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**From:** Toftness, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2009 10:30 AM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB 09-1001/1 Topic: Public access to state agency expenditures and contracts

Please Jacket LRB 09-1001/1 for the ASSEMBLY.