

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
**Senate Journal**  
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TUESDAY, September 28, 2010

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

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**CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES**

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Monday, September 27, 2010.**

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS  
CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 09–119**

Relating to the release of inmates from state prison through parole or other procedures established through [2009 Wisconsin Act 28](#).

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–076**

Relating to policy form language simplification and readability and affecting small business.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–077**

Relating to the risk–based capital of health insurers, property and casualty insurers and fraternal insurers.

No action taken.

*LENA TAYLOR*  
Chairperson

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The committee on **Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–022**

Relating to hunting in state parks, including department managed portions of state trails.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–042**

Relating to the use of department properties.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–051**

Relating to license and permit procedures, game and hunting, wildlife damage, and nuisance control and dog trials and training.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–053**

Relating to commercial fishing on the Mississippi river boundary waters of Wisconsin and affecting small business.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–066**

Relating to hunting and the 2010 migratory game bird seasons and waterfowl hunting zones.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–069**

Relating to endangered resources information fees.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–088**

Relating to the vehicle emission inspection process.

No action taken.

*JIM HOLPERIN*  
Chairperson

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**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Administration  
Department of Natural Resources**

September 24, 2010

The Honorable, The Senate:

Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF) program legislation (s. [281.56\(3\)\(bm\)1](#), Wis. Stats.) requires the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Administration to submit to the Legislature and to the State Building Commission the first version of the EIF Biennial Finance Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to provide information on loan, loan subsidy, and bonding levels for program operations in the 2011–2013 biennium.

If you have any questions regarding the Biennial Finance Plan, please contact Mary Rose Teves at 267–7683 or Michael Wolff at 267–2734.

Sincerely,  
*MARY ROSE REVES*  
Director, Bureau of Community Financial Assistance  
Department of Natural Resources

*FRANK R. HOADLEY*  
Capitol Finance Director  
Department of Administration

Referred to joint committee on **Finance**.

Referred to committee on **Environment**.

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**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services**

September 27, 2010

The Honorable, The Legislature:

In accordance with sec. 1.11(2)(j) Wis. Stats., the Department of Health Services reports that no Environmental Impact Statements or Environmental Assessments were conducted during the reporting period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Sincerely,  
*KAREN E. TIMBERLAKE*  
Secretary

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**State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau**

September 28, 2010

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As required under s. 13.94(1)(dh), Wis. Stats., we have completed our annual financial audit of the Wisconsin Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan (HIRSP) Authority for 2009. The HIRSP Authority provides medical and prescription drug insurance for individuals who are unable to obtain coverage in the private market or who have lost employer-sponsored group health insurance. As of December 31, 2009, 16,381 policyholders were enrolled in one of the HIRSP Authority's plans. Enrollment has increased in 2010 as the HIRSP Authority reduces premiums and increases income limits for subsidies, and as individuals who have lost employer sponsored group coverage exhaust their COBRA benefits.

We have provided an unqualified audit opinion on the HIRSP Authority's financial statements. However, our report includes a recommendation to address a concern with access to the pharmacy claims adjudication system by the pharmacy benefit manager's employees.

Since its inception on July 1, 2006, the HIRSP Authority has maintained a sound financial position. Its net asset balance was \$27.5 million on December 31, 2009, which was well in excess of the targeted balance of \$15.8 million established by the HIRSP Authority Board. Premiums and health insurer assessments were therefore reduced for 2010.

In July 2010, as part of the federal health care reform efforts, the federal government contracted with the HIRSP Authority to implement a temporary federal high-risk pool program to provide access to insurance for individuals who are uninsured because of pre-existing medical conditions. The HIRSP Federal Plan, with coverage effective August 1, 2010, is expected to operate until 2014.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the HIRSP Authority, the plan administrator, and the pharmacy benefit manager. A response from the Chief Executive Officer of the HIRSP Authority follows our report.

Sincerely,  
*JANICE MUELLER*  
State Auditor

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**State of Wisconsin  
Government Accountability Board**

September 28, 2010

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2009-2010 session of the legislature, visit the Government Accountability Board's web site at: <http://gab.wi.gov/>.

Essie, Patrick	Wisconsin Health Freedom Coalition
Schumaker, Michahel	Citigroup Global Markets Inc
Weller, Mark	Wisconsin Independent Telecommunications System, Inc. d/b/a Access Wisconsin

Also available from the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,  
*KEVIN KENNEDY*  
Director and General Counsel

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**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE  
REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Agriculture and Higher Education** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 09-105**

Relating to weights and measures regulation, licensing, and fees.

No action taken.

*KATHLEEN VINEHOUT*  
Chairperson