

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Public Benefit Reform

Assembly Bill 180

Relating to: requiring the Department of Health Services to seek any necessary waiver to prohibit the purchase of candy or soft drinks with FoodShare benefits.

By Representatives Moses, Knodl, Kaufert, Allen, Behnke, Callahan, Dittrich, Goeben, Gundrum, Maxey, Murphy, Nedweski, Neylon, O'Connor, Penterman, Snyder and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Kapenga, Cabral-Guevara, Nass and Tomczyk.

April 15, 2025 Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform

May 15, 2025 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (5) Representative Knodl; Representatives Maxey,
 Neylon, Clancy and Phelps.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (1) Representative Allen.

Appearances For

- Representative Clint Moses - 92nd Assembly District
- John Ramthun - 6:8 Ministries
- Brian Sikma - FGA Action
- Anneka Bengston
- Stephen Polk
- Heather Allen - Wisconsin United for Freedom
- Dr. Kathleen Findlay - Physician, Western Wisconsin Health
- Helene Leeds - Step It Up

Appearances Against

- Kelly McDowell - Wisconsin Beverage Association
- Mike Semmann - Wisconsin Grocers Association

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Senator Chris Kapenga - 33rd Senate District
- Representative Dean Kaufert - 53rd Assembly District
- Paul Rozeski - Wisconsin Property Taxpayers
- Erin Runk - WI United for Freedom

Registrations Against

- Jordan Lamb - Feeding Wisconsin
- President Brian Dake - Wisconsin Independent Businesses
- Matt Hauser - Wisconsin Fuel and Retail Association

Registrations for Information Only

- Savannah Regali - Alliance of Wisconsin Retailers

May 28, 2025

Executive Session Held

Present: (6) Representative Knodl; Representatives Maxey, Neylon, Allen, Clancy and Phelps.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Maxey, seconded by Representative Allen that **Assembly Bill 180** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (4) Representative Knodl; Representatives Maxey, Neylon and Allen.

Noes: (2) Representatives Clancy and Phelps.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 2

Danielle Rogers
Committee Clerk