

# The State of Wisconsin



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 88

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin economy is a complex mixture of public and private sector activities, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin state government has a wide range of responsibilities, including support of local government and school districts, higher education, services for the poor and elderly, economic development, environmental protection, transportation, and other critical functions, and

WHEREAS, there does not exist a broad understanding of the pattern of state government expenditures or their effects on the Wisconsin economy, and the relationship between state and local government expenditures and the strength of the Wisconsin economy should be thoroughly and rigorously examined, and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Development Commission has recommended the establishing of a State Spending Commission, and

WHEREAS, an examination of state expenditures can be most effectively accomplished by an independent, highly qualified group of private sector individuals, and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of such a commission should be available prior to the submission of the 1987-89 biennial budget,

THEREFORE, I Anthony S. Earl, Governor of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Wis. Stats. § 14.019, do establish the Wisconsin Expenditure Commission, which shall:


1. Examine Wisconsin state expenditures for the period July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987, concentrating on the major categories of state expenditures with emphasis on aid to local government and school districts, the university system, services for the poor and elderly and state operations.
2. Undertake such independent studies as it deems necessary to accomplish its task.
3. Establish a budget adequate for its work and employ a staff and engage the cooperation of state agencies and private sector resources to accomplish its work.
4. Review in depth the ten largest categories of state expenditures.
5. Make recommendations concerning an appropriate overall level of state government expenditures.
6. Determine whether some functions now performed by state or local governments could more appropriately be accomplished in the private sector.



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7. Produce periodic reports concerning issues related to state expenditures and submit a final report by December 15, 1986.

In testimony of which I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed at the Capitol in Madison this day, November 26, 1985.

  
Anthony S. Earl, Governor

By the Governor

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Douglas La Follette  
Secretary of State