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## 1997 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

May 7, 1997 – Introduced by Senators Chvala, Plache, Burke, C. Potter, Moen and Wineke, cosponsored by Representatives Bock, Black, Hanson, Meyer, Dobyns, Turner, Huber, Ryba, Otte, R. Young, Baumgart, J. Lehman, Riley, Hasenohrl, Gronemus, L. Young, Plouff, Baldwin, Notestein, Robson, Springer and Staskunas. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

**Relating to:** urging mitigation of economic warfare among the states.

Whereas, targeted business incentive programs have proliferated into a counterproductive economic war among the states and now form the cornerstone of state-sponsored "economic development" policies; and

Whereas, these programs fail to promote healthy and equitable statewide economic growth and, in reality, result in states engaging in economic warfare by encouraging businesses to move, both within and between states, with no significant economic benefit in the aggregate; and

Whereas, America's future in the global economy depends on its educational, industrial, technological and research capabilities throughout the 50 states; and

Whereas, discontinuation of wasteful programs can be achieved through a combination of new state and federal policies; and

Whereas, states would be better off providing a high quality educational system designed to produce an adequately trained and ready work force, support for research and development, a high-quality transportation system and other high-quality traditional government services; and

Whereas, efforts are currently under way in the U.S. Congress to identify and eliminate federally funded programs that are used by the states to escalate this economic warfare; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature strongly urges the Wisconsin congressional delegation to support efforts in the U.S. Congress and other legislative initiatives that will begin to mitigate this economic warfare; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the Wisconsin legislature strongly urges the governors and other state legislatures to promulgate this message; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to the members of the Wisconsin congressional delegation, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives, to the president pro tempore and the secretary of the U.S. senate, and to the governors and the appropriate officers of the legislatures of all other states.

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