

Assembly Committee on Education
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Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Testimony
On LRB 2205/P2

Thank you to Chairperson Thiesfeldt and members of the committee for the opportunity to testify before you today in support of LRB 2205/P2. My name is Jennifer Kammerud and I am a policy advisor at the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). This bill would combine four chapters of the DPI administrative code related to the administration of various grant programs.

The department is seeking the changes outlined in this bill so we can consolidate all state grant program administration into one rule chapter. We feel this will aid in our ability to use common definitions and processes whenever possible. This should also provide greater transparency to the public so they can more access all grant requirements in one rule chapter. Moreover, a single consolidated rule chapter will also reduce the need for future rulemaking whenever the Legislature creates, modifies, or eliminates a grant program.

I should note that this is a technical consolidation as this bill does not make any policy changes to any of the affected rules, but rather cleans up language and consolidates terms and processes where possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill and I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.