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State Senator

14th District

TO: Senate Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform

FROM: Senator Olsen

DATE: August 29th, 2017

SUBJECT: Testimony for Senate Bill 220

Thank you Senator Nass and members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform for holding a hearing and allowing me to testify in support of Senate Bill 220. This piece of legislation is very straightforward and to the point. This bill is to update the outdated the rules of the Department of Tourism and the Arts Board.

Under current law, there remains administrative rules for a pilot program on heritage tourism which was to help promote tourism in Wisconsin that is related to early Wisconsin resources. Since this program no longer exists, as it was repealed under Wisconsin Act 109 in 2001, this bill would eliminate this chapter of administrative rules that is no longer relevant.

This bill would also eliminate the irrelevant administrative rules for the Percent for Art Program, which allocated a small percentage of funding for art additions in state buildings. This program was abolished in 2011 under Wisconsin Act 32.

The purpose of Senate Bill 220, is to update these outdated rules that are no longer relevant.

Thank you members, I ask for your support on Senate Bill 220 and I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.



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Senate Bill 220: Outdated Rules of the Department of Tourism and the Arts Board
Testimony of State Representative Joan Ballweg
Senate Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform
August 29, 2017

Thank you, Chair Nass, and members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform for holding this public hearing on my bill to repeal outdated rules of the Department of Tourism and the Arts Board.

The objective for the Red Tape Review initiative is to review the entire administrative code and identify rules that need revision, and repeal outdated or burdensome rules. This bill acts on this objective and repeals two unnecessary chapters of administrative code:

- 1) Chapter 2 of the Department of Tourism relating to the implementation of the Heritage Tourism Pilot Program.
- 2) Chapter 4 of the Arts Board relating to the implementation of the Percent for Arts Program.

Chapter 2 under the Department of Tourism implemented the Heritage Tourism Pilot Program. This program promoted the enjoyment of historic and prehistoric resources in Wisconsin, but was repealed in 2001 under Wisconsin Act 109. In addition, Chapter 4 under the Arts Board implemented the Percent for Arts Program which allocated a small amount of money for art acquisition in building projects. This program was repealed in 2011 under Wisconsin Act 32. Both the Department of Tourism and the Arts Board provided letters of support to remove these chapters.

It is important that we continue to review and revise Wisconsin's Administrative Code to keep it up-to-date. Thank you for considering this bill, and I am happy to answer any questions.

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August 28, 2017

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Dear Representative Ballweg:

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I write today in support of the elimination of Administrative Code Chapter AB 4: Percent for Art Program. This Chapter is no longer necessary as the Percent for Art Program was eliminated in the 2011 – 2013 Biennial Budget.

Karen Ann Hoffman
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Wisconsin's Percent for Art Program was established in 1980 for the purpose of placing artwork in public settings, helping to beautify our public buildings and urban environments, and draw attention to the wealth of artistic expertise within our region. Under the legislation for the program, two-tenths of one percent of the total construction budget for selected new state buildings or renovation projects was designated for the commission or purchase of artwork. Only state buildings with a high degree of public access were eligible for Percent for Art funding. The Arts Board was the agency responsible for administering the Percent for Art Program.

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No art has been commissioned or purchased since the elimination of the Percent for Art Program. Chapter AB 4 is no longer necessary and should be eliminated.

John H. Potter
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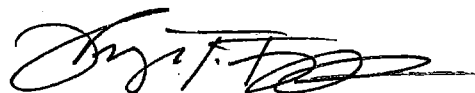
Thank you for your leadership of this effort to clean up the Administrative Code, and for your support of the work of the Wisconsin Arts Board.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Representative Ballweg:

Under current law, the Wisconsin Department of Tourism maintains administrative rules for a heritage tourism pilot program. This program was repealed in 2001 by Wisconsin Act 109 and is no longer relevant to our work. The department is supportive of removing this outdated administrative rule and it will not impact how we promote heritage and cultural tourism moving forward.

Regards,



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