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TO: Members
Wisconsin Legislature

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Non-Fiscal Policy Items Contained Within the 2019-21 Budget of the Joint
Committee on Finance

At the request of numerous legislators, the attached list identifies the non-fiscal policy items that are contained in the Joint Finance Committee's version of the 2019-21 budget. The list is comprised of items that are primarily of a non-fiscal policy nature and not closely related to the state's fiscal programs for the next biennium.

Putting such a list together always requires some subjective judgment on which items should be identified. Arguments could be made to expand the list beyond what is presented here or to delete some items from it. However, in preparing the attached list, this office applied the same criteria that it has used in previous biennia when identifying provisions as non-fiscal policy items.

The criteria used are as follows: (1) generally, the item has no state fiscal effect; (2) if there is a state fiscal effect associated with an item, the policy implications of the provision outweigh any potential fiscal effect; (3) the item has been, or is, the subject of separate, non-budget legislation; (4) the item is one that typically would be reviewed by a standing committee of the Legislature; and (5) the provision could be accomplished without statutory directive. Items that typically are not included on the list are those that: (1) affect state program eligibility; (2) would generally be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance if introduced as separate legislation; and (3) address a reorganization or transfer of state government operations or functions.

Included are the page and item number showing where the provisions are described in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's June, 2019, "Comparative Summary of Budget Recommendations of the Governor and Joint Committee on Finance."

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Attachment

NON-FISCAL POLICY ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION

General Agency Provisions

- Report on Capitol Security (Page 25, #14)

LOCAL REGULATION OF QUARRIES

- Local Regulation of Nonmetallic Mining at Quarry Operations (Page 334, #1)
- Local Regulation of Blasting at Quarry Operations (Page 336, #2)
- Local Regulation of Water Quality and Quantity Related to Quarry Operations (Page 337, #3)
- Local Regulation of Air Quality and Fugitive Dust Related to Quarry Operations (Page 337, #4)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Departmentwide and Energy Programs

- Wholesale Merchant Plant Contract Limit (Page 460, #8)

TRANSPORTATION

State Highway Program

- Alternative Highway Project Delivery Methods and Program (Page 545, #11)