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TO: Members  
Wisconsin Legislature

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SUBJECT: Summary of Assembly Amendments 9 and 10 to ASA 2 to AB 68

Assembly Amendments 9 and 10 to ASA 2 to 2021 AB 68 (the 2021-23 biennial budget) were adopted by the Assembly on June 29, 2021. This document summarizes the provisions of the two amendments.

### Assembly Amendment 9

1. Specify that the lobbying principal registration fee would be increased from \$375 to \$385 and the lobbyist authorization fee would be increased from \$125 to \$135 beginning July 1, 2021. Under ASA 2, the fee increases would first apply to the filings for the 2023-24 legislative session.

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2. Delete the creation of a driving skills test waiver included in ASA 2. Retain the deletion of \$210,700 SEG and 6.2 positions in 2021-22 and \$421,300 SEG in 2022-23 that would have been associated with the creation of the skills test waiver.

3. Require Joint Finance to supplement the property tax exemption sum certain appropriation created under ASA 2 with funding placed in Finance Committee's supplemental appropriation rather than doing so under s. 13.10. The Department of Administration (DOA) would no longer have to submit a s. 13.10 request. Delete references to making payments to local taxing jurisdictions in the newly-created sum certain appropriation and refer instead to the similar non statutory provisions indicated how the payments are to be made.

4. Place \$7 million PR in 2021-22 for tribal grants in the Joint Committee on Finance's PR appropriation. Remove \$7 million PR in 2021-22 from a DOA appropriation for tribal grants.

5. Modify the Legislature's newly-created appropriation for WisEye from an annual to biennial appropriation. Place all funding (\$450,000 GPR) in 2021-22. Make the appropriation permanent.
6. Create a continuing program revenue appropriation for urban search and rescue task forces.
7. Authorize \$50 million of program revenue supported bonding under the current law UW System self-amortizing bonding authorization rather than the current law Building Commission housing state departments bonding authorization.
8. Increase funding for the Reach Out and Read program by \$250,000 GPR in 2021-22 and reduce funding by \$250,000 GPR in 2022-23 so that \$500,000 GPR would be budgeted for the program in 2021-22. Delete the provision that would repeal the appropriation as of July 1, 2023.
9. Specify that the \$500,000 FED (TANF) annual grants the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families will provide to improve social, academic, and employment skills of youth will be made to Jobs for America's Graduates -- Wisconsin.
10. Clarify that \$250,000 FED (TANF) budgeted for the Department of Children and Families Offender Reentry Demonstration Project is provided for 2021-22 only, reflecting a one-year extension of the demonstration program.
11. Direct the Office of Commissioner of Insurance to revise the Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan's coinsurance rate for the 2022 plan year by July 31, 2021, in accordance with the amount available. (Under ASA 2, the maximum reimbursement payments would be increased from \$200 million to \$230 million, beginning in plan year 2022.)
12. Convert an appropriation for aids in lieu of property taxes payable by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands from sum sufficient to an annual appropriation. (Aids payments would continue to be budgeted at \$15,000 in 2021-22 and \$25,000 in 2022-23).
13. Rename the appropriation under the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for collection of firefighting foams containing per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to "Clean sweep - fire fighting foam."
14. Delete provisions allowing the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to expend the unencumbered balance of a now-concluded rural development loan program for promotion of Wisconsin dairy exports, if approved by the Joint Committee on Finance. Instead, provide that the unencumbered balance be transferred to the Committee's GPR supplemental appropriation upon approval of the Committee.
15. Modify ASA 2 provisions for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program reauthorization to create two annual transfers under s. 20.370(5) of the statutes from the forestry account of the SEG conservation fund to the capital improvement fund for DNR land acquisitions and grants to counties for forest acquisitions. Delete two annual appropriations from the forestry account under s. 20.370(2) of the statutes for the same purposes. Authorize DNR up to \$5 million

from the transferred amount for Department acquisitions, in addition to the \$1 million in bonds provided for Ice Age Trail acquisitions under ASA 2. Additionally, authorize DNR to obligate up to \$3 million from the amount transferred to the capital improvement fund for grants to county forests. The amount of funding to be provided for DNR land acquisition and county forest grants would be identical to amounts provided under ASA 2.

Delete provisions rendered moot by the changes transferring stewardship land acquisition funds to the capital improvement fund. This includes the following: (a) the limit on DNR using not more than one-third of land acquisition funds for purchases in fee-simple; (b) provisions for awarding county forest grants from the annual appropriation under ASA 2, and provisions for DNR making land acquisitions from the annual appropriation under ASA 2; (c) provisions for Joint Finance review of certain DNR acquisitions and grants; and (d) DNR's use of stewardship unobligated bonding authority, up to \$25.25 million. Recreate provisions to allow DNR to utilize unobligated bonding as of June 30, 2022, up to the amounts specified for stewardship subprograms under ASA 2. Joint Finance review of certain stewardship grants and acquisitions, as well as the restriction on using not more than one-third of land acquisition funds for fee-simple acquisitions, would remain as under current law.

16. Modify a provision that authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to expend moneys from an appropriation for disaster mitigation at the state veterans homes to eliminate the precondition on the expenditure of funds that the Governor issue an executive order declaring a state of emergency.

17. Create a non-statutory provision that would transfer from the general fund to the transportation fund \$134,152,200 in 2021-22, which along with the current law transfer of 0.25% of general fund taxes would result in a total transfer of \$178,869,600 in 2021-22. Delete the corresponding statutory provision that would increase the transfer from 0.25% to 1.0% of general fund taxes to the transportation fund in 2021-22 on a one-time basis. As a result, there would be no change in the total estimated 2021-22 transfer amount as the \$134,152,200 amount specified in the non-statutory provision plus the current law 0.25% transfer would continue to equal 1.0% of estimated general fund taxes.

18. Delete a provision that would have deleted obsolete statutory language relating to the delayed payment of per pupil aid for the 2015-16 school year, as well as an item that would have corrected an outdated cross reference related to per pupil aid enrollment.

19. Throughout the substitute amendment replace the words "may not" with the word "cannot" and "not to exceed" with "up to." In addition, make numerous technical language changes.

### **Assembly Amendment 10**

1. Create a property tax exemption for any parcel of vacant land owned by a church or religious association that is no more than 0.8 acres and located in a first class city. The parcel must be less than a quarter mile from the shoreline of Lake Michigan, and be adjacent or contiguous to a

city incorporated in 1951 with a 2018 estimated population exceeding 9,000 (St. Francis). Specify that the property is first exempt from taxation in property tax year 2022(23).

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