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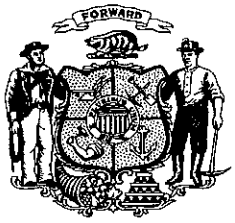

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: January 25, 2016

Re: SWIB Report to JFC

Attached is an annual report from the State of Wisconsin Investment Board regarding credits ("soft dollars") it generates with securities brokerage firms and describes how those credits are used to acquire investment research services, pursuant to s. 25.17(17), Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Honorable Alberta Darling, Co-Chair
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Honorable John Nygren, Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Section 25.17 (17), Wis. Stats., directs SWIB to provide an annual report regarding credits ("soft dollars") it generates with securities brokerage firms and describe how those credits are used to acquire investment research services. SWIB generated no soft dollar credits in 2015. All credits that had accumulated in previous years were fully expended in 2006.

Soft dollars are credits earned from trading with certain brokers. Soft dollar credits can be used to purchase investment research services. Federal law and Securities and Exchange Commission regulations define allowable uses of soft dollars.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about this report or other Investment Board matters.

Sincerely,

Michael Williamson
Executive Director

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