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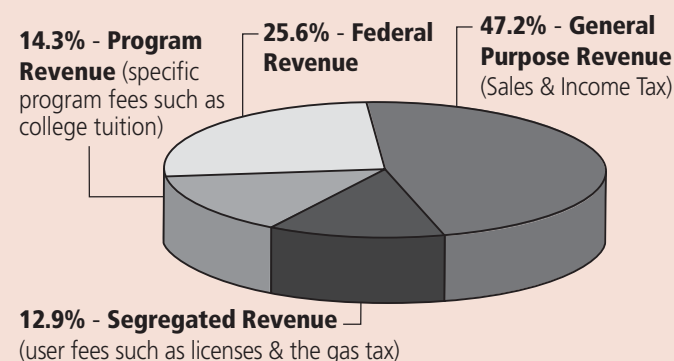
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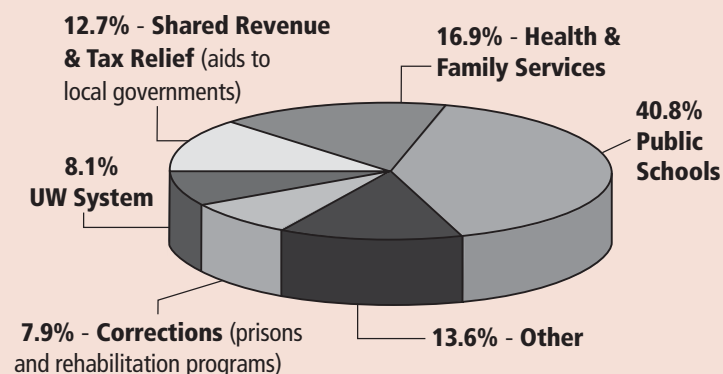
Governor's Proposed Budget for the State of Wisconsin 2007-2009

Where Does the Money Come From?



Source: Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Where Does the Money Go?



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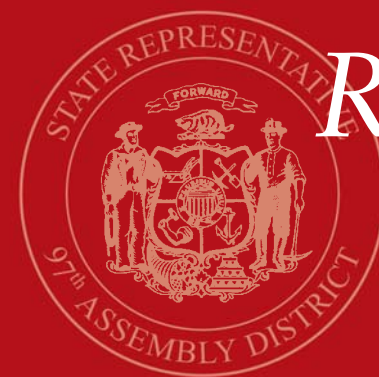


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2007 SPRING SURVEY



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BILL KRAMER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 97TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This new legislative session presents many challenges and as many new opportunities. As your representative to the Legislature in Madison, I wanted to let you know about the issues facing our state and most importantly, find out what your priorities are as we begin work on the state's budget.

In February, Governor Jim Doyle presented his budget that would spend an unprecedented \$58 billion dollars in the 2007-2009 biennium—an increase of almost \$4 billion over the previous budget. I have serious concerns about the impact this level of spending and taxation will have on our economy and our taxpayers.

Accordingly, we must continue to pursue policies that enable our economy to grow—empowering our small businesses and working families. An onerous government only drags on our economic vitality.

My goal during the budget process is to balance legitimate funding needs—like education—against the taxpayers' ability to pay. It is incumbent upon the Legislature to ensure that Wisconsin is equipped to compete in a global economy and that our families can stay in Wisconsin to work, raise a family, and retire.

But I'd like your input. I am enclosing a survey for you to return that will better enable me to determine your priorities as we move through this legislative session. From issues ranging from taxes and the economy to healthcare and education, I look forward to hearing your opinion on issues that impact you and your family.

And as always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding your state government in Madison, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Kramer
97th Assembly District

Please don't forget to return the survey!



State Representative **BILL KRAMER**
97TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



Rep. Kramer listens to testimony before the Assembly Judiciary and Ethics Committee.

Legislative Focus for 2007

Protecting Taxpayers

I believe that Wisconsin doesn't have a revenue problem, but a spending problem.

To that end, I have already sponsored legislation that is aimed at easing the tax burden that many seniors face. Between property taxes and income taxes, they are particularly sensitive to the rising cost of Wisconsin government.

I have also co-sponsored legislation aimed at making it more difficult for politicians in Madison to raise your taxes. This constitutional amendment would require a super-majority—a 2/3 vote in both the Assembly and Senate—to raise taxes in Wisconsin.

Healthcare

I believe that when families can control their own healthcare decisions, they can control the rising cost of healthcare.

That's why I have sponsored legislation that empowers consumers to enjoy the benefits of Health Savings Accounts (HSA's). HSA's enable consumers of health care to choose their doctors and the services they can afford and help relieve the burden of rising healthcare costs on our governments, businesses, and families.

Growing the Economy

A growing, healthy economy benefits everyone—whether you work at a factory, in an office, in a hospital, or are retired. One of my primary focuses this session will be to pursue policies that will allow the economy to provide broad-based prosperity to every Wisconsinite. Unemployment is low, inflation is in check, pensions and 401(k)s are

booming, and our standard of living is at an historical high.

I believe it is vitally important that we focus our efforts to help our businesses and the families they employ to thrive without the burden of over-regulation and over-taxation.

Ending Lawsuit Abuse

I have introduced legislation aimed at preventing trial lawyers from fleecing our small businesses and jeopardizing our jobs. This legislation ensures that irresponsible manufacturers are properly sanctioned and real victims will have access to the legal system.

The Internet

It doesn't seem right that the state of Wisconsin collects nearly \$40 million a year from Wisconsin families and businesses just for logging onto the Internet. I will work with my Assembly colleagues to end this tax so that we can bring more and more people into the digital age and make Wisconsin a real competitor in the global economy.

Helpful State Numbers

- Aging & Long Term Care(800) 242-1060
- Arson Tip Line(800) 362-3005
- Banking Complaints(800) 452-3328
- Commerce, Dept. of(800) 435-7287
- Consumer Protection(800) 422-7128
- DNR(608) 266-2621
- Handgun Hotline.....(800) 262-4867
- Insurance Complaints ..(800) 236-8517
- Medicare(800) 772-1213
- Road Conditions(800) 762-3947
- Tourism Hotline.....(800) 372-2737

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Video Competition Legislation Takes Aim at Rising Prices of Cable

In March, Representative Phil Montgomery (R-Ashwaubenon) unveiled legislation that would introduce a much needed dose of competition to cable TV service.

This legislation will reform the way video programming providers, like Time Warner and AT&T, negotiate service agreements with individual communities. By streamlining the process, we are tearing down barriers to entry and allowing new service providers to offer competitive services and prices to the consumer.

The bill also ensures that valuable PEG channel (Public, Educational, and Government) offerings remain intact and uniform across providers.

What does this mean for you, the consumer? It will lead to better service, quality, and pricing—something long overdue in the current marketplace for cable or satellite TV.

If you have any questions about this exciting new legislation, please don't hesitate to call my office at 888-534-0097.

LEGISLATIVE SURVEY—I Want To Hear From You!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your input is a valuable tool in representing you and the families of Western Wisconsin.

- Check here if you'd like a Wisconsin State Highway Map sent to you.
- Check here if you'd like a 2007-2008 Blue Book sent to you.

Taxes

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| 1. Do you support legislation requiring a 2/3 vote of both houses of the Legislature before any tax can be increased? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Should the existing spending controls on local units of governments aimed at holding down property taxes remain in place? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Do you support legislation aimed at reducing the tax burden that Wisconsin's seniors face? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Comments: _____

Education

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| 4. Should state funding aid to local school districts remain the state's top budget priority? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Comments: _____

Healthcare

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| 5. Do you support health care reform that gives government and politicians more control of your health care? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6. Should health care reform focus on providing individuals with greater control over the money they spend on their own health care? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Comments: _____

Jobs/Economy

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| 7. Because of the strength of Wisconsin's economy, state government will take in an extra \$1.25 billion in revenues over the next two years. Should a portion of these new revenues be set aside for permanent tax relief? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 8. Should you be taxed just for simply logging on to the Internet? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Comments: _____

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