

# WMC

Wisconsin's Chamber



## HOW THEY VOTED

### 2021-2022 SESSION

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE VOTING RECORD

# HOW THEY

## WORKING FOR WISCONSIN AWARD 2021-2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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**21** Senators

**62** Representatives

Scored 70% or better on the WMC scorecard

### About WMC's Working for Wisconsin Award

Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC), the combined state chamber of commerce and manufacturers' association, is recognizing the efforts of certain lawmakers by presenting them with the coveted "Working for Wisconsin" award. The Working for Wisconsin award recognizes legislators who supported specific pro-growth policies and earned a high rating on WMC's biennial legislative scorecard. It is awarded based on individual voting records, regardless of a legislator's partisan affiliation.

Legislators who earn the award each session supported pro-growth policies and reforms aimed at improving the state's business climate. All Wisconsin legislators are considered for the award, but it is only earned by those who consistently vote to make Wisconsin a better place to do business.



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## WMC GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM



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# HOW THEY

## SENATE



PRO  
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Sen. Joan Ballweg



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Sen. Kathleen Bernier



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Sen. Julian Bradley



PRO  
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Sen. Rob Cowles



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Sen. Alberta Darling

Legislator	District	Hometown	For	Against	%
Melissa Agard (D)	SD-16	Madison	4	21	16%
Joan Ballweg (R)	SD-14	Markesan	19	0	100%
Kathleen Bernier (R)	SD-23	Chippewa Falls	25	0	100%
Janet Bewley (D)	SD-25	Mason	7	19	27%
Julian Bradley (R)	SD-28	Franklin	26	0	100%
Tim Carpenter (D)	SD-3	Milwaukee	3	22	12%
Robert Cowles (R)	SD-2	Green Bay	22	2	92%
Alberta Darling (R)	SD-8	River Hills	25	1	96%
Jon Erpenbach (D)	SD-27	West Point	5	15	25%
Mary Felzkowski (R)	SD-12	Irma	26	0	100%
Dan Feyen (R)	SD-18	Fond du Lac	25	1	96%
André Jacque (R)	SD-1	De Pere	23	0	100%
John Jagler (R)	SD-13	Watertown	20*	0	100%
LaTonya Johnson (D)	SD-6	Milwaukee	5	20	20%
Chris Kapenga (R)	SD-33	Delafield	26	0	100%
Dale Kooyenga (R)	SD-5	Brookfield	24	0	100%
Chris Larson (D)	SD-7	Milwaukee	2	24	8%
Devin LeMahieu (R)	SD-9	Oostburg	26	0	100%
Howard Marklein (R)	SD-17	Spring Green	26	0	100%



PRO  
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Sen. Mary Felzkowski



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Sen. Dan Feyen



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Sen. André Jacque



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Sen. John Jagler



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Sen. Chris Kapenga

\* 7 votes were taken by Senator Jagler while he was serving in the Assembly.

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## SENATE



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Sen. Dale Kooyenga



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Sen. Devin LeMahieu



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Sen. Howard Marklein



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Sen. Stephen Nass



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Sen. Jerry Petrowski

Legislator	District	Hometown	For	Against	%
Stephen Nass (R)	SD-11	Whitewater	22	4	85%
Jerry Petrowski (R)	SD-29	Marathon	26	0	100%
Brad Pfaff (D)	SD-32	Onalaska	7	19	27%
Janis Ringhand (D)	SD-15	Evansville	5	21	19%
Roger Roth (R)	SD-19	Appleton	22	1	96%
Kelda Roys (D)	SD-26	Madison	5	21	19%
Jeff Smith (D)	SD-31	Brunswick	6	20	23%
Rob Stafsholt (R)	SD-10	New Richmond	25	1	96%
Duey Stroebel (R)	SD-20	Saukville	24	2	92%
Lena Taylor (D)	SD-4	Milwaukee	4	21	16%
Patrick Testin (R)	SD-24	Stevens Point	26	0	100%
Van Wanggaard (R)	SD-21	Racine	25	0	100%
Eric Wimberger (R)	SD-30	Green Bay	25	1	96%
Robert Wirch (D)	SD-22	Somers	6	20	23%



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Sen. Roger Roth



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Sen. Rob Stafsholt



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Sen. Duey Stroebel



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Sen. Patrick Testin



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Sen. Eric Wimberger



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Sen. Van Wanggaard

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## ASSEMBLY



PRO BUSINESS

Rep. Scott Allen



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Rep. David Armstrong



PRO BUSINESS

Rep. Tyler August



PRO BUSINESS

Rep. Elijah Behnke



PRO BUSINESS

Rep. Mark Born

Legislator	District	Hometown	For	Against	%
Scott Allen (R)	AD-97	Waukesha	24	0	100%
Jimmy Anderson (D)	AD-47	Fitchburg	4	20	17%
Deb Andraca (D)	AD-23	Whitefish Bay	7	17	29%
David Armstrong (R)	AD-75	Rice Lake	20	0	100%
Tyler August (R)	AD-32	Lake Geneva	24	0	100%
Samba Baldeh (D)	AD-48	Madison	3	21	13%
Elijah Behnke (R)	AD-89	Oconto	18	0	100%
Jill Billings (D)	AD-95	La Crosse	4	20	17%
Mark Born (R)	AD-39	Beaver Dam	24	0	100%
David Bowen (D)	AD-10	Milwaukee	4	19	17%
Janel Brandtjen (R)	AD-22	Menomonee Falls	24	0	100%
Robert Brooks (R)	AD-60	Saukville	24	0	100%
Jonathan Brostoff (D)	AD-19	Milwaukee	3	20	13%
Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R)	AD-55	Appleton	24	0	100%
Marisabel Cabrera (D)	AD-9	Milwaukee	4	17	19%
Calvin Callahan (R)	AD-35	Tomahawk	24	0	100%
Sue Conley (D)	AD-44	Janesville	3	18	14%
Dave Considine (D)	AD-81	Baraboo	4	20	17%
Alex Dallman (R)	AD-41	Green Lake	24	0	100%



PRO BUSINESS

Rep. Janel Brandtjen



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Rep. Robert Brooks



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Rep. Rachael Cabral-Guevara



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Rep. Calvin Callahan



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Rep. Alex Dallman

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Rep. Barbara Dittrich



Rep. Cindi Duchow



Rep. James Edming



Rep. Rick Gundrum



Rep. Cody Horlacher



Legislator	District	Hometown	For	Against	%
Barbara Dittrich (R)	AD-38	Oconomowoc	24	0	100%
Steve Doyle (D)	AD-94	Onalaska	7	15	32%
Dora Drake (D)	AD-11	Milwaukee	6	18	25%
Cindi Duchow (R)	AD-99	Town of Delafield	23	0	100%
James Edming (R)	AD-87	Glen Flora	24	0	100%
Jodi Emerson (D)	AD-91	Eau Claire	4	20	17%
Evan Goyke (D)	AD-18	Milwaukee	3	21	13%
Rick Gundrum (R)	AD-58	Slinger	24	0	100%
Kalan Haywood (D)	AD-16	Milwaukee	3	21	13%
Gary Hebl (D)	AD-46	Sun Prairie	2	21	9%
Dianne Hesselbein (D)	AD-79	Middleton	4	20	17%
Gordon Hintz (D)	AD-54	Oshkosh	3	19	14%
Francesca Hong (D)	AD-76	Madison	4	20	17%
Cody Horlacher (R)	AD-33	Mukwonago	23	0	100%
John Jagler (R)	AD-13	Watertown	7*	0	100%
Jesse James (R)	AD-68	Altoona	24	0	100%
Terry Katsma (R)	AD-26	Oostburg	24	0	100%
Samantha Kerkman (R)	AD-61	Salem Lakes	24	0	100%
Joel Kitchens (R)	AD-1	Sturgeon Bay	22	1	96%



Rep. Jesse James



Rep. Terry Katsma



Rep. Samantha Kerkman



Rep. Joel Kitchens



Rep. Dan Knodl



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Rep. Scott Krug



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Rep. Mike Kuglitsch



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Rep. Tony Kurtz



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Rep. Amy Loudenbeck



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Rep. John Macco

Legislator	District	Hometown	For	Against	%
Dan Knodl (R)	AD-24	Germantown	24	0	100%
Scott Krug (R)	AD-72	Nekoosa	23	0	100%
Mike Kuglitsch (R)	AD-84	New Berlin	24	0	100%
Tony Kurtz (R)	AD-50	Wonewoc	24	0	100%
Amy Loudenbeck (R)	AD-31	Clinton	24	0	100%
John Macco (R)	AD-88	Ledgeview	21	0	100%
Gae Magnafici (R)	AD-28	Dresser	22	0	100%
Tip McGuire (D)	AD-64	Kenosha	5	19	21%
Beth Meyers (D)	AD-74	Bayfield	5	18	22%
Nick Milroy (D)	AD-73	South Range	1	13	7%
Supreme Moore Omokunde (D)	AD-17	Milwaukee	3	16	16%
Clint Moses (R)	AD-29	Menomonie	23	0	100%
David Murphy (R)	AD-56	Greenville	24	0	100%
Jeffrey Mursau (R)	AD-36	Crivitz	22	0	100%
LaKeshia Myers (D)	AD-12	Milwaukee	4	18	18%
Greta Neubauer (D)	AD-66	Racine	3	21	13%
Adam Neylon (R)	AD-98	Pewaukee	23	0	100%
Todd Novak (R)	AD-51	Dodgeville	24	0	100%
Tod Ohnstad (D)	AD-65	Kenosha	4	20	17%



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Rep. Gae Magnafici



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Rep. Clint Moses



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Rep. Dave Murphy



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Rep. Jeffrey Mursau



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Rep. Adam Neylon

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Rep. Todd Novak



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Rep. Loren Oldenburg



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Rep. William Penterman



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Rep. Kevin Petersen



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Rep. Warren Petryk

Legislator	District	Hometown	For	Against	%
Loren Oldenburg (R)	AD-96	Viroqua	24	0	100%
Sylvia Ortiz-Velez (D)	AD-8	Milwaukee	5	17	23%
William Penterman (R)	AD-37	Columbus	8	0	100%
Kevin Petersen (R)	AD-40	Waupaca	24	0	100%
Warren Petryk (R)	AD-93	Town of Washington	23	0	100%
Jon Plumer (R)	AD-42	Lodi	24	0	100%
Sondy Pope (D)	AD-80	Mt. Horeb	4	20	17%
Treig Pronschinske (R)	AD-92	Mondovi	24	0	100%
Timothy Ramthun (R)	AD-59	Campbellsport	24	0	100%
Daniel Riemer (D)	AD-7	Milwaukee	5	19	21%
Jessie Rodriguez (R)	AD-21	Oak Creek	24	0	100%
Sara Rodriguez (D)	AD-13	Brookfield	5	19	21%
Donna Rozar (R)	AD-69	Marshfield	24	0	100%
Joe Sanfelippo (R)	AD-15	New Berlin	23	0	100%
Michael Schraa (R)	AD-53	Oshkosh	24	0	100%
Katrina Shankland (D)	AD-71	Stevens Point	3	17	15%
Kristina Shelton (D)	AD-90	Green Bay	4	20	17%
Christine Sinicki (D)	AD-20	Milwaukee	3	20	13%
Ken Skowronski (R)	AD-82	Franklin	24	0	100%



PRO BUSINESS

Rep. Jon Plumer



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Rep. Treig Pronschinske



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Rep. Timothy Ramthun



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Rep. Jessie Rodriguez



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Rep. Donna Rozar

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Rep. Joe Sanfelippo



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Rep. Michael Schraa



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Rep. Ken Skowronski



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BUSINESS

Rep. Patrick Snyder



PRO  
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Rep. Shae Sortwell

Legislator	District	Hometown	For	Against	%
Lee Snodgrass (D)	AD-57	Appleton	4	20	17%
Patrick Snyder (R)	AD-85	Schofield	24	0	100%
Shae Sortwell (R)	AD-2	Two Rivers	24	0	100%
John Spiros (R)	AD-86	Marshfield	24	0	100%
Mark Spreitzer (D)	AD-45	Beloit	4	18	18%
David Steffen (R)	AD-4	Green Bay	24	0	100%
Jim Steineke (R)	AD-5	Kaukauna	24	0	100%
Sheila Stubbs (D)	AD-77	Madison	4	19	17%
Lisa Subeck (D)	AD-78	Madison	4	18	18%
Rob Summerfield (R)	AD-67	Bloomer	24	0	100%
Rob Swearingen (R)	AD-34	Rhineland	24	0	100%
Gary Tauchen (R)	AD-6	Bonduel	21	0	100%
Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R)	AD-52	Fond du Lac	21	0	100%
Paul Tittl (R)	AD-25	Manitowoc	22	0	100%
Travis Tranel (R)	AD-49	Cuba City	22	0	100%
Ron Tusler (R)	AD-3	Harrison	22	0	100%
Nancy VanderMeer (R)	AD-70	Tomah	24	0	100%
Robyn Vining (D)	AD-14	Wauwatosa	4	20	17%
Tyler Vorpapel (R)	AD-27	Plymouth	24	0	100%



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Rep. John Spiros



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Rep. David Steffen



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Rep. Jim Steineke



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Rep. Rob Summerfield



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Rep. Rob Swearingen

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PRO   
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Rep. Gary Tauchen



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Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt



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BUSINESS

Rep. Paul Tittl



PRO   
BUSINESS

Rep. Travis Tranel



PRO   
BUSINESS

Rep. Ron Tusler

Legislator	District	Hometown	For	Against	%
Robin Vos (R)	AD-63	Rochester	24	0	100%
Don Vruwink (D)	AD-43	Milton	8	15	35%
Chuck Wichgers (R)	AD-83	Muskego	24	0	100%
Robert Wittke (R)	AD-62	Racine	24	0	100%
Shannon Zimmerman (R)	AD-30	River Falls	23	0	100%



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Rep. Nancy VanderMeer



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Rep. Tyler Vorpapel



PRO   
BUSINESS

Rep. Shannon Zimmerman



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BUSINESS

Rep. Robert Wittke



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Rep. Chuck Wichgers



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Rep. Robin Vos

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## BILL SUMMARIES: 2021-2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### ASSEMBLY BILLS

#### Assembly Bill 1:

#### **COVID-19 Response & Civil Liability Protections**

WMC supported provisions in this bill that would provide immunity for businesses from civil liability for death, injury, or damages arising from COVID-19 in the course of business. This bill also extended the work-share program for unemployment insurance allowing employers to reduce hours rather than laying people off. WMC supported this bill that passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by the governor.

#### Assembly Bill 1:

#### **Additional COVID-19 Emergency Orders**

This amendment restricted the governor from declaring additional public health emergencies related to COVID-19 except if the receipt of federal COVID-19 pandemic aid required an active state-declared emergency or disaster. This amendment, supported by WMC, was adopted by both chambers and attached to Assembly Bill 1, ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

#### Assembly Bill 2:

#### **PPP Loan Tax Treatment**

This bill prevents state taxation of Paycheck Protection Program loans and similar pandemic impact programs, saving businesses \$431 million in state taxes, and also allows the deduction of expenses paid from those programs. WMC worked to include these provisions in the bill, which ultimately became 2021 Wisconsin Act 1.

#### Assembly Bill 3:

#### **Pass-Through Entity Tax Treatment**

This bill aligns the tax treatment of pass-through corporations with partnerships taxed at the entity level and individuals, including excluding a percentage of gains realized from the sale of certain assets; limitation on the offset and carry-forward of net capital loss; and calculating quarterly tax payments. This bill, supported by WMC, ultimately became 2021 Wisconsin Act 2.

#### Assembly Bill 191:

#### **Elimination of the Personal Property Tax**

This bill eliminated the tax on personal property beginning January 1, 2022. WMC supported this bill which was passed by both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

#### Assembly Bill 237:

#### **Allocation of American Recovery Plan Act Dollars for the UI Trust Fund**

This bill required the Governor to deposit allocated funds to the state from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into the unemployment insurance (UI) trust fund to maintain the lowest UI tax rate schedule. WMC supported this bill which passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

#### Assembly Bill 336:

#### **Termination of Federal Enhanced UI Benefits**

This bill terminated the state's participation in the enhanced federal unemployment benefit programs and reinstated work search requirements for beneficiaries. WMC strongly supported this legislation which passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

#### Assembly Bill 392:

#### **Grants for PFAS Cleanups**

This bill invested \$10 million annually to address environmental impacts from PFAS, while protecting businesses and local governments from costly and frivolous lawsuits. This bill, supported by WMC, only passed the Assembly.

#### Assembly Bill 563:

#### **Model Curriculum for Civics Education**

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop model curriculum and instructional materials for every grade on the founding principles of the United States, an understanding of how to effectively advocate governmental bodies and knowledge of other governing philosophies including communism, socialism and totalitarianism. The bill also that high school complete at least 0.5 credits of civic instruction to receive a diploma. This bill, supported by WMC, only passed the Assembly.

#### Assembly Bill 827:

#### **Organized Retail Theft**

This bill allowed for the aggregation of the value of goods stolen when a theft occurs by three or more individuals in concert with one another. This change would result in a greater penalty at sentencing. WMC supported this bill which passed both chambers and was vetoed by Governor Evers.

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## ASSEMBLY BILLS (CONT'D)

### Assembly Bill 888:

#### **Veteran Talent Attraction and Retention Initiative**

This bill directed Governor Evers and his administration to use \$10 million in ARPA funds to develop and implement a veteran talent attraction and retention program. WMC supported this bill which passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

### Assembly Bill 932:

#### **Promote and Expand Apprenticeship Opportunities**

This bill required Governor Evers to allocate \$20 million in ARPA fund the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to increase participation in registered and youth apprenticeship programs, promote youth apprenticeships to school districts that are underutilizing the program and provide linkages between the apprenticeship programs. WMC supported this bill which passed both chamber and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

### Assembly Bill 935:

#### **FoodShare Work Requirements**

This bill reinstated FoodShare work requirement for able-bodied adults without dependents as is required under current law, but it not being implemented by Governor Evers and his administration. The bill also implements drug screening for individuals in FoodShare employment and training programs. WMC supported this legislation which passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

### Assembly Bill 936:

#### **Failure to Accept Employment for Medical Assistance Benefits**

This bill prohibited most able-bodied adults without dependents from knowingly failing to accept an employment offer or an increase in work hours or wages in order to retain Medicaid benefits. WMC supported this legislation which passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

### Assembly Bill 940:

#### **Implementation of Talent Attraction and Retention**

This bill required the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to submit a detailed plan to the Joint Committee on Finance on the utilization of the dollars appropriated by legislature in the state budget for talent attraction and retention. WMC supported this legislation which passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

### Assembly Bill 957:

#### **Consumer Data Privacy Regulations**

This bill imposes regulations on businesses regarding the collection and use of consumer data including: limiting collection to data that is adequate, relevant, and reasonably for the purpose it is collected and disclose this collection to consumers; provide a privacy notice with information about the collection and use of data; and other requirements. Complying with various privacy laws across the country is estimated to cost \$2.8 billion for Wisconsin businesses. WMC opposed this costly bill.

### Assembly Bill 967:

#### **High Performing Charter Schools**

This bill allowed charter school governing boards to open additional charter schools if all of the current charter schools operating under the board are high performing. WMC supported this legislation which passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

### Assembly Bill 968:

#### **Charter School Authorizing Board**

This bill created the Charter School Authorizing Board attached to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), which provide another option for authorizing charter schools. WMC supported this legislation which passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

### Assembly Bill 970:

#### **Universal School Choice**

This bill expanded school choice to all families in Wisconsin by eliminating the family income limits and removing the pupil participation limits in the statewide program. This bill also creates an education expense reimbursement program for public school students that can be used to attend courses or purchase educational materials. WMC supported this legislation which passed both chambers and was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

### Assembly Bill 973:

#### **Changes to Apprenticeship and Youth Apprenticeship Programs**

This bill expanded the apprenticeship completion award program to allow for reimbursement for the cost of tools, materials and travel in addition to tuition costs. This bill also created a youth apprenticeship completion award program to provide reimbursement for the cost of tools, materials and travel costs. WMC supported this legislation, but it was only voted on by the Assembly.

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## BILL SUMMARIES: 2021-2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### BUDGET BILL

#### Assembly Bill 68:

#### **Budget Amendment – Medicaid Expansion and Health Insurance Mandates**

This amendment accepted the Medicaid expansion under Obamacare, created a state-based health exchange, and imposed new mandates on health insurance coverage. This amendment, opposed by WMC, was tabled by the Assembly.

#### Assembly Bill 68:

#### **Budget Amendment – Increase State Energy Tax**

This amendment doubled the state's energy tax from 1.2% to 2.4% and created unnecessary additional state bureaucrats at the DNR and other agencies. This amendment, opposed by WMC, was tabled by the Assembly.

#### Assembly Bill 68:

#### **Budget Amendment – Various Topics**

This amendment contained multiple anti-free market and onerous provisions for businesses including: repealing right to work, partially repealing Act 10, changing assessment laws that would allow government to raise taxes on businesses and reinstituting prevailing wage laws that have saved taxpayers money on government bid projects. This amendment, opposed by WMC, was tabled by the Assembly.

#### Assembly Bill 68:

#### **State Budget**

Cut taxes by more than \$3 billion – including reductions in the income tax and an increase in the Research & Development tax credit – while fully preserving the Manufacturing & Agriculture Tax Credit. Provides a small down payment of \$3 million for talent attraction efforts. This legislation, supported by WMC, passed both chambers and ultimately became 2021 Wisconsin Act 58.

#### Assembly Bill 68:

#### **Budget Amendment – Democrat Alternative Budget**

This amendment would have adopted an alternative budget that repealed Right to Work, undercut the Manufacturing & Agriculture Tax Credit, imposed higher property taxes on businesses, expanded Medicaid under ObamaCare, and many other anti-business provisions. This amendment, opposed by WMC, was rejected by the Senate.

### SENATE BILLS

#### Senate Bill 34:

#### **PFAS Standards**

This bill pertained to standards on firefighting foam containing PFAS. The vote to refer the bill to committee maintained current law and ensured that the DNR did not unilaterally enact unreasonable PFAS standards.

#### Senate Bill 125:

#### **Tuition Deduction for Apprenticeship Programs**

This bill provides a deduction for tuition expenses for an apprenticeship program. WMC supported this bill because it will lower financial barriers for jobseekers gaining valuable skills and help businesses find more qualified individuals to hire. This bill was vetoed by the governor.

#### Senate Bill 361:

#### **PFAS Standards**

This bill created expensive, burdensome PFAS regulations in Wisconsin, including PFAS standards more stringent than EPA recommendations, prohibitions on FDA-authorized PFAS in food packaging, and additional PFAS testing and financial responsibility requirements. WMC opposed this bill.

#### Senate Bill 394:

#### **Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

This bill allowed nurse practitioners who have met advanced educational and clinical requirements to practice to the full extent of their training and scope as advanced practice registered nurses. WMC supported this legislation that would have allowed increased access to quality, affordable care, but it was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

#### Senate Bill 454:

#### **Reading Readiness Assessments**

This bill required that schools administer reading assessments in 4K through second grade in order to identify “at risk” students. This was defined as students who score below the 25th percentile on an assessment. It would also require a school to prepare a personal reading plan for each “at risk” student. WMC supported this legislation, but it was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

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## SENATE BILLS (CONT'D)

**Senate Bill 494:**

### **Private Pond Permitting Exemption**

This bill provided a permitting exemption for herbicide treatments for small, private ponds. All of our neighboring states already provide a similar exemption. WMC supported this legislation that passed both houses, but it was ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers.

**Senate Bill 518:**

### **Environmental Pollution in an Environmental TIF**

This bill expanded the ability to use environmental tax incremental financing (TIF) to address building material contamination, such as asbestos, to help encourage the redevelopment of blighted properties. This bill, supported by WMC, ultimately became 2021 Wisconsin Act 149.

**Senate Bill 573:**

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

This legislation, as amended, would have authorized private businesses to offer electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to the public while prohibiting government entities from unfairly competing with the private sector. WMC supported this legislation.

**Senate Bill 889:**

### **Direct Primary Care Agreements**

This bill would define Direct Primary Care and specifically state that Direct Primary Care is not insurance and therefore exempt from regulations from the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. WMC supported this legislation that would have provided increased options, lower administrative costs and increased access to primary care providers. This legislation only passed the Senate.

**Senate Substitute Amendment / Senate Bail 1:**

### **Unemployment Changes & COVID-19 Civil Liability Protections**

Protects businesses from civil liability for death, injury, or damages arising from COVID-19 in the course of business. This bill also extended the work-share program for unemployment insurance allowing employers to reduce hours rather than laying people off and required the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to begin updating the IT systems used to process and pay unemployment claims. This bill, supported by WMC, ultimately became 2021 Wisconsin Act 4.

**Senate Substitute Amendment / Senate Bail 1:**

### **COVID-19 Civil Liability Protections**

This amendment stripped provisions providing COVID-19 civil liability protections for businesses included in Special Session Senate Bill 1. WMC opposed adoption of this amendment because it removed protections for businesses from costly lawsuits.



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