



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0275 - Passive review votes by the Joint Committee on Finance

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

Passive review by JCF; objections to be public

Current law requires that JCF review certain proposed actions before an agency may execute the action. The review required often takes the form of a passive review. In a passive review, the agency must submit the proposed action to JCF and if the cochairpersons of JCF do not notify the agency within a certain period, often 14 days, that a member of JCF has objected to the action, the agency may execute the proposed action. If, however, a member objects, the agency is limited to the action as approved or modified by JCF. This bill specifies that the name of any JCF member who objects to the proposed action, as well as the reason the member objects, must be recorded and made publicly available.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 13.09 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

13.09 (7) If a member of the committee objects to a proposed action or item during a period of passive review required by law for the purpose of reviewing the proposed action or item, the name of each objecting member, as well as the reason for each objection, shall be recorded and made publicly available.

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