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Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities

Testimony from Rep. William Penterman in favor of AB 950

Chairman Murphy and members of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities:

Thank you for letting me testify in favor of Assembly Bill 950, relating to disabled parking privileges on University of Wisconsin System campuses.

Current law allows individuals with a disability that impairs their ability to walk to obtain special license plates or an identification card from the DOT, entitling them to a legal exemption from meter payments and time limits on municipal parking spots that have at least a 30 minute time limit.

However, it has been brought to our attention that University of Wisconsin campuses are exempt from honoring the DOT-issued disability identifications for veterans and other disabled people under current law. Because of that, they are able to charge fines for parking in spots that are covered by these legal exemptions if they are located off-campus. These potential parking fines create confusion and unnecessary hurdles for disabled individuals, who must get duplicative permits from the campus or get a ticket.

This bill extends current law legal exemptions for people with disabled parking plates or special identification cards to include parking spots on University of Wisconsin System campuses. This bill is supported by the Wisconsin Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

I encourage the members of the committee to support this bill.

Thank you.

William Penterman
State Representative
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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Assembly Committee on Colleges & Universities

2021 Assembly Bill 950

Disabled Parking Privileges on University of Wisconsin System campuses

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Chairman Murphy and members of the Assembly Colleges & Universities:

The University of Wisconsin–Madison thanks the committee for the opportunity to provide written testimony for information only on Assembly Bill 950, related to disabled parking privileges on University of Wisconsin System campuses.

UW-Madison Transportation Services is the entity that regulates parking on the UW-Madison campus. Transportation Services is responsible for the coordination and administration of all transportation-related services for the UW-Madison campus community. Primary functions include the sale/management of parking permits, special event coordination, maintenance and enforcement, construction coordination, lot and booth operations, citation payments and appeals, information technology, along with the financial/budgeting, transportation planning, and development of multimodal options. Transportation Services manages about 13,000 parking stalls and much of the associated infrastructure. The unit also manages commuter solutions such as carpooling, walking, biking, and an employee bus program.

As written, the legislation would apply to public parking regulated on the basis of time. This would apply to metered parking with a time limitation of 30 minutes or more. As an entity that has public parking which is not regulated by municipal or county ordinance, UW System campuses are not explicitly included in Wisconsin s.346.50. However, UW-Madison Transportation Services honors the spirit of the law and allows those with disabled plates or placards to park in metered spaces (with time limits over 30 minutes) for free.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on the impact this legislation would have on UW–Madison. If you have any questions, please reach out to UW-Madison Director of State Relations Crystal Potts crystal.potts@wisc.edu or (608) 265-4105.

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TO: Members of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities

FROM: Deej Lundgren, UW System Interim Associate Vice President for Government Relations

RE: Written Testimony on Assembly Bill 950

Thank you, Chair Murphy and committee members, for providing the UW System (UWS) an opportunity to submit written testimony on Assembly Bill 950 (AB 950).

Currently in Wisconsin, under \$346.50, individuals with a disabled parking registration are able to exceed time limits in parking stalls that have a limit of 30 minutes or higher, and they are able to park for free at metered spaces of municipally owned or leased lots. The bill would extend these privileges to all the UW System institutions. Many of our campuses already comply with the spirit of the law and allow extended time limits and waive payment for vehicles displaying proper registration plates or identification card. This bill would impact a limited amount of parking stalls across our campuses, and many of our branch campuses must already comply with the law if parking is owned/leased by the municipality instead of the state.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony on this legislation.

