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Representative Krug Calls for Governor Evers and Wisconsin's Department of Health Services to Respect Wisconsin Laws

NEKOOSA – Representative Scott Krug (R-Nekoosa), the Chairman of the Assembly Public Benefit Reform Committee, is requesting Wisconsin's Department of Health Services to report on its plans to implement an important reform called for by current law to Wisconsin's FoodShare program.

2017 Wisconsin Act 59 required that DHS submit a report to the legislature's Joint Committee on Finance (FCF) outlining a plan to put in place drug screening, testing and treatment requirements for certain non-disabled adults without children (ABAWDCs) who are participating in the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program.

2017 Wisconsin Act 370 codified existing DHS rules on this program and required ABAWDs who receive FoodShare benefits to comply with drug screening, testing, and treatment requirements as a condition of eligibility to participate in the FSET program.

The Department of Health Services was given a deadline of October 1, 2019 to report its plans to the legislature's Joint Committee on Finance. Now, a month beyond that deadline, no report has been made.

Rep. Krug now inquires with DHS seeking the agency's plan for implementing drug testing requirements for the FoodShare participants for whom this testing is required under the law.

A letter from Rep. Krug to Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm at DHS is attached.

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