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Tax Accountability Dashboard Bill Progresses

Madison – A bill that would create a Tax Accountability Dashboard on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) website passed in committee this morning.

Representative Samantha Kerkman (R-Salem Lakes) authored the legislation which would provide the public with information on how much general purpose revenue (GPR) is collected by the state and how those tax dollars are spent.

“Wisconsin residents pay sales taxes daily and every year file their state income tax returns, but many don’t know where their money is being spent. Taxpayers deserve to have easy access to readily-understandable information about those millions of tax dollars. DOR already [reports GPR collections](#) on its website; adding expenditures will really help complete the picture,” said Rep. Kerkman.

Wisconsin government has a strong tradition of accountability and transparency; the GPR Tax Accountability Dashboard would join past efforts like the [Local Government Dashboard](#) and [Open Book](#) in providing better access to more information.

The Assembly Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommended passage of [Assembly Bill 173](#) on a unanimous vote.

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