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Republicans Approve Pay Raises for State Employees

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement:

“Yesterday, Republicans on the Joint Committee on Employment Relations approved a compensation plan that continues to show our commitment to state employees,” said Rep. Nygren. “In particular, the plan invests in Wisconsin’s corrections workers. This is a dangerous and demanding line of work which presents challenges in recruiting and retaining workers in a competitive economy. Yesterday we increased correctional officers and sergeant pay to acknowledge the hard work these men and women do. These dollars should help address recruitment and retention issues, and reduce overtime.”

The plan compensation plan also does the following:

- Provides a 4.04% general wage adjustment for state employees. This is on top of a 4% increase last budget.
- Provides \$12 million more in funding for correctional officers and sergeants than what was proposed by the Governor and funds a long-term service award program that the Governor did not propose in his budget.
- Provides pay increases for state nurses and law enforcement dispatchers.
- Approves equity adjustments for DNA analysts at the Department of Justice and extends an add-on for youth counselors at Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake.
- Minimizes long-term costs going into the next biennium.

“State employees play a critical role in helping Wisconsin thrive,” said Rep. Nygren. “Our actions yesterday signal a major investment in our state employees, while at the same time keeping a check on wasteful spending.”

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