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Representative Dallman Introduced Assembly Bill 234

<u>Madison, WI</u> ---This week, Representative Dallman introduced and testified on his bill, Assembly Bill 234, in the Committee on Jobs and the Economy. Representative Dallman has made the following statements:

"This bill requires the Department of Tourism to award grants to nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is the promotion and development of tourism in Wisconsin and to assist those organizations who remain operational in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, AB 234 requires the availability of amusement industry grants which will provide relief for organizations that own or operate amusement or theme parks in Wisconsin."

"In previous rounds of federal funding, Governor Evers allocated money to restaurants, movie theaters, and other small businesses that have been adversely affected by the pandemic. However, small tourism businesses have not been provided any such relief. With AB 234, we are asking the Governor to provide assistance to those who have not yet received any such assistance from our state's portion of federal relief money."

"Investment into our tourism industry is a sure-fire way to boost our state's economy. As our state and country make their way out of the pandemic, we must ensure that Wisconsin stays ahead of the curve and remains a top tourist attraction in the coming months and year. This bill provides a light at the end of the tunnel for an industry that has been struggling throughout one of the most difficult times in our state's history."

Assembly Bill 234 was voted on this morning and has passed out of committee. The bill will now be heading to the Assembly floor to be voted on by the members of the legislature.

To learn more about AB 234 please click here: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/.../reg/asm/bill/ab234