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Taxes & Spending Transparency Bill Headed to Governor

Kerkman Bill Requires Public Online Reporting

Madison – A bill requiring increased transparency for Wisconsin taxpayers was passed unanimously by the Assembly today, sending it to the Governor for final approval before becoming law.

Representative Samantha Kerkman (R-Salem Lakes) authored the legislation which requires the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) to publish readily understandable graphic data – a dashboard - on their website reporting the amount and source of general purpose revenue taxes collected and how those taxes are spent. General purpose revenue (GPR) includes the big three – individual income taxes, sales tax, and corporate income/franchise taxes.

“I’m excited to continue Wisconsin’s proud tradition of open government,” said Rep. Kerkman. “The GPR dashboard makes general purpose tax collections and spending immediately accessible and readily understandable to taxpayers.”

Most taxpayers don’t have easy access to this type of reporting about state taxes and spending and would have to piece together information from multiple sources to get a full picture. The general purpose revenue dashboard will be a welcome addition to the other interactive data visualizations DOR already publishes. The [Local Government Dashboard](#) which provides information about local taxes and expenditures, gives overviews by county, and allows taxpayers to make statewide comparisons is an example of what the GPR dashboard could look like.

Rep. Kerkman looks forward to Governor Evers signing Senate Bill 71 and encourages him to do so without delay.

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