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AB 206: Pedestrian Traffic Control Signals  
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Thank you, Chairman Ripp and members of the Transportation Committee for hearing Assembly Bill 206. AB 206 addresses the updated technology of Pedestrian traffic control signals. Under current law pedestrians may cross a roadway when the signal shows the word "Walk" and must not begin to cross if the signal says "Don't Walk". Updated technology for traffic control signals now allows for many more indicators such as a walking person symbol, an upraised hand, or any other signal approved by the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on uniform Traffic Control Devices. This bill was brought to me by the Department of Transportation in an attempt to align state statute with the Federal Highway Administration's updated Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices that was updated in 2009.

It is important to update statutes since the MUTCD now requires the use of the walking man and hand signals rather than the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk". AB 206 will simply bring Wisconsin law up to date with the Federal's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Thank you for your time today, and I am happy to answer any questions at this time.