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Assembly Bill 466
Representative Rob Hutton's Testimony
Assembly Committee on State Affairs & Government Operations
Wednesday, December 15, 2015

Good Afternoon, Chairman Swearingen and Committee Members. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee on Assembly Bill 466, a bill which makes common sense, efficient changes to current law regarding Blue Books and DOT maps.

The first part of the bill is the Blue Book portion. Currently, each State Representative receives 350 Blue Books each biennium, and each State Senator receives 600 Blue Books every biennium. Year after year, we see many blue books unwanted and unused. As crazy as it may sound, current law does not give any legislator the option of turning down or reducing their allotment of Blue Books. Legislators must take their full allotment of Blue Book, even if they will not use them or would like to save taxpayer dollars.

Assembly Bill 466 continues to ensure that the 350 Blue Books each State Representative receives stays intact as well as the current 600 Blue Books each State Senator receives. However, the bill does give each Representative and Senator the option of turning down or reducing the number of Blue Books sent to their office. This will be done before the Blue Books are even printed, to maximize cost savings.

In addition, the bill eliminates the requirement that Blue Books be distributed to other entities. Legislators will continue to receive Blue Books and may distribute Blue Books to any entity that they choose. Further, the Blue Book will continue to be available online for free, accessible to anyone at any time.

The second part of this bill is DOT maps. Currently, each Assembly and Senate office receives 500 folded highway maps per office and 50 DOT wall maps. DOT is required by law to distribute these maps. Each session, many maps go completely unused. This bill again gives the discretion to each individual legislator, allowing them to turn down or reduce their maps while at the same time allowing those who would like more maps to continue to request those, if they so choose.

This bill updates state law to make it more flexible and to enhance taxpayer savings, allowing legislators to make the decisions whether to accept these state-paid items or not. This bill does have bipartisan support.

At a time when Wisconsin continues to be a high-taxed state, our state is facing a transportation funding shortfall with climbing debt, and Medicaid costs continue to climb, we cannot be complacent with taxpayer money. As stewards of taxpayer dollars, we continue to look in every corner for opportunities to lower costs. In light of our current fiscal situation, this bill is a way to save taxpayer dollars.

Every dollar counts, and I respectfully ask for your support of this bill. This bill did have a public hearing in the Senate that went very well; and the Senate Committee will be voting this bill out of committee tomorrow.

Thank you.



DEVIN LEMAHIEU

STATE SENATOR

DATE: December 16, 2015

RE: **Testimony on 2015 Senate Bill 343 and 2015 Assembly Bill 466**

TO: The Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection

FROM: Senator Devin LeMahieu

Mr. Chairman and committee members, thank you for taking time today to discuss Senate Bill 343 and Assembly Bill 466, regarding the distribution of Wisconsin Blue Books and highway maps.

Every year, hundreds of Wisconsin Blue Books and highway maps are not wanted and go to waste. It is clear that the supply is far greater than the demand for both of these publications.

Senate Bill 343 and Assembly Bill 466 will simply allow legislators to reduce or turn down their allotment of Blue Books and highway maps. Under this proposal Senate and Assembly offices will continue to receive their current distribution amount, unless otherwise requested.

Currently the statutory recipients of these publications are required under state statutes to receive their full allotment. By allowing legislators to reduce or decline their share of blue books and maps we will save taxpayer dollars.

This proposal has received bi-partisan support in both houses. I encourage you to vote yes to SB 343 and AB 466 to reduce wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars. Thank you for your consideration.

Highway Maps (numbers are for 2013-2014):

DOT Prints 1 million folded maps each biennium.

For the 2013-2014, DOT did a supplemental printing of 200,000.

1,200,000 maps cost \$181,824 for print, production and delivery.

1 case = 100 maps = \$15.152

DOT, per statute, must distribute the following folded maps without charge:

Each Senator 500 (16,500 total)

Each Representative to the Assembly 500 (49,500 total)

Assembly & Senate Chief of Clerks 500 (1,000 total)

Assembly & Senate Sergeant at Arms 500 (1,000 total)

Legislative Reference Bureau 300

- SB 343 and AB 466 removes the allotment to legislative officers.
2,000 maps saves \$303.04 for the biennium

**** All additional folded highway maps are free per state statute ****

Laminated Maps (numbers are for 2013-2014):

DOT prints 8,000 per biennium

Each laminated map costs \$1.36272 for a total cost of \$10,900

DOT, per statute, must distribute the following wall maps without charge:

Each Senator 50 (1,650 total)

Each Representative to the Assembly 50 (4,950 total)

Assembly & Senate Chief Clerks 50 (100 total)

Assembly & Senate Sergeant at Arms 50 (100 total)

- SB 343 and AB 466 removes the allotment to legislative officers.
200 maps saves \$272.54 for the biennium

Wisconsin Blue Books (numbers are for 2013-2014 printing):

According to DOA:

Blue book cost \$7.21

Cost with shipping \$10.15

64,547 total printed – total cost \$297,853.50

Statutory Recipients:

Governor 400

Lieutenant Governor 300

Secretary of State 200

State Treasurer 200

Attorney General 200

State Superintendent of Public Instruction 200

Each Senator 600 (19,800 total)

Each Representative to the Assembly 350 (34,650 total)

Assembly & Senate Chief Clerks 200 (400 total)

Assembly & Senate Sergeant at Arms 200 (400 total)

Legislative Reference Bureau 265

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Distribution of official Documents
Blue Books; s. 35.04 (1)

Constitutional Officers:

Governor – 400
Lieutenant Governor – 300
Secretary of State – 200
State Treasurer – 200
Attorney General – 200
State Superintendent of Public Instruction – 200

Legislature:

Each Senator – 600
Each Representative of the Assembly – 350
Members of next succeeding legislature not entitled to distribution under lines 10 or 11 – 35A
Each Chief Clerk – 200
Each Sergeant at Arms – 200
Legislative Audit Bureau – 7
Legislative Reference Bureau – 265
Legislative Reference Library – 3
Legislative Council – 25
Legislative Fiscal Bureau – 32

Judiciary:

Each Supreme Court Justice – 1
State Law Library – 1
Each Court of Appeals Judge – 1
Milwaukee County Law Library – 1
Court of Appeals Libraries in Waukesha, Madison, Wausau – 1
Each Circuit Court Judge – 1
Each County Law Library; s. 757.40 – 1
Clerk of each court in lines 30, 32, and 35 – 1

State Agencies:

Head of each department and independent agency listed in ch. 15, subchapters II and III – 1
Historical Society – 3
Department of Justice – 1
Public Defender Board – 1
Each district attorney – 1

Libraries:

Each public library and branch thereof; s. 43.52 – 1
Each academic library listed in DLS annual library directory – 1
Each school library media center listed in DPI annual public and non-public school directories – 1
Each regional state document depository library; s. 35.82 (3), not to exceed 10 -1
Each selective state document depository library; s. 35.82 (3), not to exceed 35 – 1
Head librarian of each public library system; s. 41.13 – 1
University of Wisconsin Law Library – 1

Each library of a law school accredited by the American Bar Association not otherwise provided for in this section – 1

Department of Public Instruction Reference and Loan Library – 1

Council of State Governments, Lexington, Kentucky – 1

Federal:

Each member and member-elect of Congress from this state – 1

Library of Congress -1

Each U.S. Attorney in this state – 1

Each U.S. Clerk of Court in this state – 1

Each library maintained for a federal court in this state – 1

Local Governments:

Each county clerk – 1

Each city clerk – 1

Each town clerk – 1

Each Sheriff – 1

Each county corporation counsel – 1

Educational Institutions:

Each campus of university of Wisconsin system and technical college system administrator's office – 1

Each public or nonpublic elementary and secondary school administrator's office – 1

Other:

Each newspaper as listed in Blue Book – 1