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**Assembly Committee on Workforce Development
Assembly Bill 515, relating to various repeals of obsolete rules**

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Testimony provided by Jonathan Barry, Deputy Secretary

Chairperson Loudenbeck and members of the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development:

I am Jonathan Barry, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Workforce Development. I come before you today in support of AB 515, which pertains to changing sections of the administrative code that were identified through the "Right the Rules" process as obsolete and in need of repeal. The department worked collaboratively with the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) in identifying the rules included in this legislation and we would like to thank the board for all their work so far in this process.

Four of the rules, DWD 805, DWD 811, DWD816, and DWD 820 relate to the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982 which has now been replaced by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). WIA is administered under federal regulations making these rules obsolete.

DWD 82 was promulgated in 1985 and relates to a statute enacted in 1979 under which a person claiming to be damaged by mining activities could file a claim against a state fund; according to DWD General Counsel, the claims process doesn't seem to have ever been used. Responsibility for the statute, along with the workplace safety aspects of mining, was transferred to the Department of Commerce in 1996 and is now with the Department of Safety and Professional Services; therefore this rule is not in use.

The final repeal included in this legislation relates to the Wisconsin job opportunity business subsidy program. The rule was promulgated in 1989 but the statutory authority for the program has expired and the program is no longer in operation, therefore making this rule obsolete.

The department values the "Right the Rules" process; by making changes to the administrative code through a thorough legislative review, the DWD will take every

opportunity in working with you to clear up confusion, reduce regulatory burdens, and make it easier to do business in Wisconsin.

Again, the department would like to thank the committee for all of your work to date on DWD's rule change legislation, the authors, Chairperson Loudonbeck and Rep. Ringhand, Governor Walker and the entire Wisconsin State Assembly for making regulatory reform a top priority this session. By clarifying relevant existing code and repealing irrelevant and outdated code, we are making it easier for people to work and do business in Wisconsin; we are moving Wisconsin forward.