

# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Senate Journal

## Ninety–Fifth Regular Session

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THURSDAY, December 26, 2002

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### State of Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing

December 20, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

In accordance with WSS 961.36(3), enclosed please find the 2002 Controlled Substances Board Annual Report.

It is hoped that the Senate will find this report useful.

Sincerely,

DEANNA ZYCHOWSKI  
Director, Bureau of Health Professions

#### State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

December 20, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

We have completed a financial audit of the Unemployment Reserve Fund for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2000-01. This audit was performed at the request of the Department of Workforce Development, which administers the Fund.

As necessary parts of the financial audit, we reviewed the Fund's control procedures, assessed the fair presentation of its financial statements, and reviewed compliance with applicable laws and regulations. We were able to provide an unqualified auditor's report on the Fund's financial statements, and we found no instances of material weaknesses in the internal control structure or material instances of noncompliance.

The Unemployment Reserve Fund's cash balance related to taxable employers declined \$236 million from \$1.71 billion as of June 30, 2001 to \$1.47 billion as of June 30, 2002. This cash balance is used to determine the tax rate schedule to apply to taxable employers. Since the cash reserves continue to exceed the amount that allows employers to be taxed under the lowest rate schedule, the Fund continues to charge employers the lowest authorized tax rates.

Copies of the report have been distributed to members of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and those required by law to receive them. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this report, please contact our office and request report number 02-22. The report is also available on line at [www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/windex.htm](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/windex.htm).

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

#### State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

December 20, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

We have audited the financial statements of the Radio and Television Networks operated by the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board (ECB) for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 and have issued our reports on these statements, dated December 12, 2002.

The audits were requested by ECB to fulfill audit requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities and certifications of these entities' non-federal revenue sources in determining future funding levels.

Copies of the audit reports have been distributed to members of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and those required by law to receive them. The reports are available on line at [www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/windex.htm](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/windex.htm). If you are interested in receiving a copy of these reports, please contact our office and request the following report numbers:

02-23 An Audit of Educational Communications Board Radio Network

02-24 An Audit of Educational Communications Board Television Network

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

#### State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

December 16, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

Section 46.03(26) of the statutes requires the Department of Health and Family Services to report annually on information systems projects under development. The attached report is a summary of the departmental systems currently under development.

Sincerely,

PHYLLIS J. DUBE  
Secretary

#### State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

December 9, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan (HIRSP), I am pleased to submit the calendar year 2001 annual report. This submission is in accordance with the statutory requirements set forth at s. 149.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

The report includes:

- A summary of how HIRSP is funded, who is eligible, what services are covered and policyholder premium, deductible and coinsurance obligations.
- A historical overview and a summary of HIRSP-related legislative changes since 1997.
- Demographic information about HIRSP policyholders.
- An explanation of HIRSP's funding and financial information.
- Utilization and cost data, including summaries of HIRSP payments by diagnosis category and by therapeutic classes of prescription drugs.

The Department of Health and Family Services and the HIRSP Board appreciate the continuing support of the Legislature. Please contact me if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,  
PHYLLIS J. DUBE  
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health and Family Services**

December 16, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

The Bureau of Health Information, Department of Health and Family Services, is please to submit to the Governor and the Legislature the *Guide to Wisconsin Hospitals, Fiscal Year 2001*. The data for this report were collected under section 153.05, Wisconsin Statutes, and are published as authorized by the requirements of section 120.21, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

The report provides summary and detailed information about fiscal, utilization, and staffing data at Wisconsin hospitals, and

sets forth comparisons among hospitals of increases or decreases in gross revenues, net revenues, and expenditures.

Sincerely,  
PHYLLIS J. DUBE  
Secretary

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**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF  
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING  
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02-069**

Relating to revising requirements for defined network plans, preferred provider plans and limited service health organization plans to comply with recent changes in state laws.

Submitted by Office of Commissioner of Insurance.

Withdrawn by Agency, December 19, 2002.

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The committee on **Environmental Resources** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-154**

Relating to deer hunting and the wildlife damage abatement and claims program.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 01-104**

Relating to the control of underground injection wells.

Modifications requested, Ayes 5, Noes 0.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Baumgart, Hansen, Wirch, Cowles and Schultz.

Noes, 0 – None.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02-089**

relating to small game and expanded spring turkey hunting in state parks.

No action taken.

Jim Baumgart  
Chairperson