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Destinations Wisconsin

Priority Bills

AB 188 **Schools** (Knodl, Dan) *Dead*

DW position: Oppose

Notes: Introduced March 23, 2021; referred to Committee on Education

Companion: SB 182 (see below)

Summary: Under current law, public schools are prohibited from starting fall classes until September 1. However, current law allows DPI to grant a school board request for an exception to this prohibition if DPI determines there are extraordinary reasons for granting the request. Beginning with the 2022-23 school term, this bill eliminates the prohibition against public schools starting fall classes before September 1.

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SB 182 **Schools** (Darling, Alberta) *Dead*

DW position: Oppose

Notes: Introduced March 9, 2021; referred to Committee on Education; public hearing April 21; executive session May 3; passage recommended by committee 7-0

Companion: AB 188 (see above)

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SB 505 **Tourism Dept. Reporting** (Ballweg, Joan) *Dead*

DW position: Support

Notes: Introduced Aug. 11, 2021; referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism; public hearing October 6; executive session October 13; passage recommended by committee 9-0; on Senate floor October 20; passed Senate; messaged to Assembly; referred to Committee on Tourism

Companion: [AB 509](#) (Plumer, Jon)

Summary: This bill makes several changes to laws administered by the Department of Tourism.

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Taxes and Loans

AB 301 Green Bay Loan (Tauchen, Gary) *Dead*

DW position: Support

Notes: Introduced May 3, 2021; referred to Committee on Tourism; public hearing June 10; executive session June 16; passed recommended by committee 16-0; on Assembly floor June 22; passed Assembly 60-38; messaged to Senate; referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism

Companion: [SB 433](#) (Wimberger, Eric)

Summary: This bill authorizes the Building Commission to use that borrowing authority to award an interest-free loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the Greater Green Bay Convention and Visitor Bureau to assist in the construction of a visitor information and education center located in Brown County.

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AB 422 Rural Grant Program (Rozar, Donna) *Dead*

DW position: Support

Notes: Introduced June 25, 2021; referred to Committee on Rural Development; public hearing Nov. 3

Companion: [SB 428](#) (Feyen, Dan)

Summary: This bill creates a grant program administered by the Arts Board in the Department of Tourism.

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AB 242 Sales Tax Holiday (Snyder, Pat) *Dead*

Notes: Introduced April 2; referred to Committee on Jobs and the Economy; public hearing April 6; executive session April 7; passage recommended by committee 8-4; on Assembly floor April 13; Am. 1 adopted; passed Assembly 62-32; messaged to Senate

Companion: *None*

Summary: Under this bill, beginning on June 1, 2021, and ending on August 31, 2021, the sale of tangible personal property and taxable services sold at any licensed brewpub in this state or at any business that has as its primary business activity... a motion picture theater, including a drive-in theater; a tavern, restaurant, or other food service establishment; or an amusement park or arcade is exempt from the state sales and use tax.

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Employment Law and Human Resources

AB 25 Vaccine Mandates (Thiesfeldt, Jeremy) Dead

Notes: Introduced Jan. 29, 2021; referred to Committee on Constitution and Ethics; public hearing March 3; executive session March 10; Am. 1 recommended by committee 6-3; passage as amended recommended by committee 6-3; on Assembly floor March 23; Am. 1 adopted; passed Assembly 59-35; messaged to Senate

Companion: [SB 5](#) (Jacque, Andre)

Summary: This bill prohibits employers from requiring individuals to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, or to show proof of having received such a vaccine, as a condition of new or continued employment.

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AB 196 School Athletics (Dittrich, Barbara) Dead

Notes: Introduced March 25, 2021; referred to Committee on Education; public hearing May 26; executive session June 9; Am. 1 recommended by committee 9-0; passage as amended recommended by committee 9-4; on Assembly floor June 16; passed Assembly 59-38; messaged to Senate; referred to Committee on Human Services, Children and Families; executive session October 19; committee voted 2-3 to concur in the bill

Companion: [SB 322](#) (Bernier, Kathy)

Summary: This bill requires each school board, independent charter school, and private school participating in a parental choice program (educational institution) that operates or sponsors an interscholastic, intramural, or club athletic team or sport to designate the athletic team or sport as falling into one of three categories based on the sex of the participating pupils. The three categories are 1) participants who are males, men, or boys; 2) participants who are females, women, or girls; and 3) coed or participants of both sexes. The bill defines "sex" as the sex assigned at birth by a physician. The bill also requires an educational institution to prohibit a male pupil from participating on an athletic team or in an athletic sport designated for females, women, or girls. Finally, the bill requires the educational institution to notify pupils and parents if an educational institution intends to change a designation for an athletic team or sport.

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Other Bills

AB 737 P2P Vehicle Sharing Liability (Neylon, Adam) Dead
and Insurance

Notes: Introduced Dec. 7, 2021; referred to Committee on Insurance; public hearing Jan. 19, 2022

Companion: [SB 783](#) (Stafsholt, Rob)

Summary: This bill generally requires that peer-to-peer motor vehicle sharing programs assume liability, as specified under the bill, for the owners of shared vehicles and sets certain other requirements on these programs.

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SB 56 Alcohol (Stroebel, Duey) Dead

Notes: Introduced Feb. 2, 2021; referred to Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection; public hearing Feb. 4; executive session March 19; Am. 1 recommended by committee 5-0; passage as amended recommended by committee 5-0; on Senate floor March 23; Am. 1 adopted; passed Senate; messaged to Assembly; referred to Committee on State Affairs

Companion: [AB 70](#) (Tauchen, Gary)

Summary: This bill allows most alcohol beverage retailers to make online or telephone sales of alcohol beverages to be picked up by the customer at parking spaces that are part of the retail licensed premises.

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SB 57 Alcohol (Stroebel, Duey) Dead

Notes: Introduced Feb. 2, 2021; referred to Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection; public hearing Feb. 4; executive session Jan. 20, 2022; Am. 1 recommended by committee 4-1; passage as amended recommended by committee 4-1

Companion: [AB 71](#) (Tauchen, Gary)

Summary: This bill allows most alcohol beverages retailers to make online or telephone sales of alcohol beverages and deliver the alcohol beverages to the customer or to have the alcohol beverages delivered to the customer by an independent third-party delivery service.

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SB 195 Premier Resort (Prescott) (Smith, Jeff) Dead

Notes: Introduced March 10, 2021; referred to Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection; public hearing September 29

Companion: [AB 182](#) (Petryk, Warren)

Summary: This bill allows the City of Prescott to become a premier resort area.

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SB 196 Premier Resort (Pepin) (Smith, Jeff) Dead

Notes: Introduced March 10, 2021; referred to Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection; public hearing September 29

Companion: [AB 183](#) (Petryk, Warren)

Summary: This bill allows the village of Pepin in Pepin County to become a premier resort area.

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Enacted

AB 2 DOR Changes (Wittke, Robert) Enacted

DW position: Support

Notes:

Introduced Jan. 15, 2021; referred to Committee on Ways and Means; public hearing and executive action Jan. 21; Am. 2 recommended by committee 12-0; passage as amended recommended by committee 11-1; referred to Joint Committee on Finance; executive action Feb. 10; Sub. 1 recommended by committee 12-3; passage as amended recommended by committee 11-4; on Assembly floor Feb. 16; Sub 3. offered, amended, and adopted; passed Assembly 87-3; messaged to Senate; on Senate floor Feb. 16; passed Senate 27-5; presented to the governor and signed into law Feb. 18 as [2021 Wisconsin Act 1](#)

Companion: [SB 2](#) (Marklein, Howard)

Summary: This bill makes various changes to the laws administered by the Department of Revenue.

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JR 1 Unemployment Insurance (Joint Finance) Enacted
SB 1 & COVID Liability

DW position: Support

Notes:

Introduced Feb. 17, 2021; referred to Joint Finance Committee; public hearing and executive session Feb. 17; Sub. 1 recommended by committee 15-0; passage as amended recommended by committee 15-0; on Senate floor Feb. 18; Sub. 1 adopted; passed Senate 27-3; messaged to Assembly; on Assembly floor Feb. 23; passed Assembly 89-0; presented to the governor Feb. 24; signed into law Feb. 25 as [2021 Wisconsin Act 4](#)

Companion: [JR 1 AB 1](#) (Joint Committee on Finance)

Summary: This bill makes changes to the unemployment insurance system by requiring DWD, employers, and claimants to use electronic systems in most instances to access records, file claims, and make payments.

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SB 50 Counting Tips (Bernier, Kathy) Enacted

Notes:

Introduced Jan. 28; referred to Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform; public hearing Feb. 8; executive session Feb. 11; passage recommended by committee 5-0; on Senate floor Feb. 16; passed Senate; messaged to Assembly; on Assembly floor April 13; Assembly concurred in; presented to the governor April 22; signed into law April 23 as [2021 Wisconsin Act 26](#)

Companion: [AB 50](#) (Schraa, Michael)

Summary: This bill requires DWD to promulgate rules allowing an employer to require tipped employees to use an electronic signature or other electronic means that uniquely identifies the employee.

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SB 198 Room Tax (Ballweg, Joan) Enacted

DW position: Support

Notes:

Introduced March 10, 2021; referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Revenue; public hearing May 25; executive session June 3; Am. 1 recommended by committee 5-0; Am. 2 recommended by committee 5-0; passage as amended recommended by committee 5-0; on Senate floor June 9; Am. 1 adopted; Am. 2 adopted; passed Senate 32-0; messaged to Assembly; on Assembly floor June 22; concurred in; messaged to Senate; presented to the governor June 29; signed into law June 29 as [2021 Wisconsin Act 55](#)

Companion: [AB 189](#) (Kitchens, Joel)

Summary: This bill expands the applicability of the room tax, makes a number of substantive and technical changes to the local room tax in the areas of collections, audits, and the exchange of information between local governments and the Department of Revenue, establishes a common tax base between the sales tax and the room tax, and authorizes a municipality to impose a forfeiture on a marketplace provider.

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AB 717 **Income Tax Exemption** (Wittke, Robert) *Enacted*

DW position: Support

Notes:

Introduced Nov. 17, 2021; referred to Committee on Ways and Means; public hearing Nov. 30; executive session Dec. 8; Am. 1 recommended by committee 12-0; passage as amended recommended by committee 12-0; on Assembly floor Jan. 20, 2022; Am. 1 adopted; passed Assembly; messaged to Senate; referred to Joint Committee on Finance; executive session Feb. 9; concurrence recommended by committee 14-1; on Senate floor Feb. 15; Senate concurred in 30-2; messaged to Assembly; presented to the governor March 3; signed into law March 7 as 2021 [Wisconsin Act 156](#)

Companion: [SB 690](#) (Roth, Roger)

Summary:

This bill creates an income and franchise tax exemption for income received in the form of a grant from the Restaurant Revitalization Fund established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Current law provides similar exemptions for income received in the form of allocations issued by the state with moneys received from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and used for a number of purposes, including broadband expansion, movie theater grants, music and performance venue grants, and lodging industry grants.

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Vetoed

AB 1 COVID-19 Response Package (Vos, Robin) *Vetoed*
DW position: Support (civil liability exemption)

Notes: Introduced Jan. 4, 2021; referred to Committee on Health; public hearing and executive session Jan. 5; committee recommended 11-5; on Assembly floor Jan. 7; Ass. Am. 1 adopted; passed Assembly as amended 56-34; messaged to Senate; referred to Committee on Finance; withdrawn from Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Senate Organization; public hearing and executive session Jan. 11; Sen. Sub. 1 adopted 3-2; passage from committee as amended recommended 3-2; on Senate floor Jan. 12; Sen. Am. 2 to Sen. Sub. 1 adopted; Sen. Sub. 1 adopted 29-2; passed Senate; messaged to Assembly; on Assembly floor Jan. 26; Ass. Am. 1 to Sen. Sub. 1 adopted 58-34; Ass. Am. 2 to Sen. Sub. 1 adopted 58-34; passed Assembly 58-34; messaged to Senate; on Senate floor Jan. 28; Sen. Am. 1 to Ass. Am. 1 to Sen. Sub. 1 adopted; passed Senate; messaged to Assembly; on Assembly floor Feb. 4; Ass. Am. 2 to Sen. Am. 1 to Ass. Am. 1 to Sen. Sub. 1 adopted 59-35; passed Assembly 59-35; messaged to Senate; on Senate floor Feb. 5; passed Senate 19-11; messaged to Assembly; presented to the governor and vetoed Feb. 5

Companion: None

Summary: A comprehensive proposal by the Legislature to address COVID-19.

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AB 234 Tourism Grants (Dallman, Alex) *Vetoed*

Notes: Introduced April 2, 2021; referred to Committee on Jobs and the Economy; public hearing April 6; executive session April 7; passage recommended by committee 8-4; on Assembly floor April 13; passed Assembly 56-37; messaged to Senate; on Senate floor April 14; Senate concurred in 18-13; messaged to Assembly; presented to the governor April 21; vetoed April 22

Companion: [SB 275](#) (Marklein, Howard)

Summary: This bill requires the Department of Tourism to award grants to nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is the promotion and development of tourism in Wisconsin to assist those organizations to remain operational in the wake of the COVID-19 global pandemic. This bill also requires the Department of Tourism to award grants to organizations that own or operate amusement or theme parks in Wisconsin for purposes of short-term tourism marketing in connection with the organization's recovery from the COVID-19 global pandemic.

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SB 332 Minor Employment (Felzkowski, Mary) *Vetoed*

Notes: Introduced April 28, 2021; referred to Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform; public hearing June 16; executive session Oct. 6; passage recommended by committee 3-2; on Senate floor Oct. 20; passed Senate; messaged to Assembly; referred to Committee on Labor and Integrated Employment; executive session Dec. 8; passage recommended by committee 6-3; on Assembly floor Jan. 20, 2022; Assembly concurred in 60-35; messaged to Senate; presented to the governor Feb. 1; vetoed Feb. 4

Companion: [AB 324](#) (Loudenbeck, Amy)

Summary: This bill expands the permissible work hours a minor under 16 years of age may work to not before 6:00 a.m. or after 9:30 p.m. on a day preceding a school day, and not before 6:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m. on a day preceding a nonschool day.

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