



Protect Wisconsin Bill Package List

June 4, 2025

The Protect Wisconsin Package is designed to safeguard our state's people, programs, and privacy when the federal government oversteps or fails to act. It includes tools to protect Wisconsin's budget when federal funds are unlawfully withheld, by allowing the state to temporarily hold back payments to the federal government or place liens on federal property. The package also ensures that Wisconsin has a private right to take legal action if their rights are violated. Furthermore, the package prevents state agencies from sharing personally identifiable information that could be misused. Together, these bills give Wisconsin more control and more recourse to protect families, communities, and critical public programs that taxpayers have already paid for.

LRB 2778 - Protecting Wisconsin Taxpayers from Unlawful Federal Actions by Withholding Funds

Authored by Representatives Mayadev, Hysell, Bare

Senator Larson

LRB 2778 provides the state of Wisconsin a way to respond when the federal government fails to send money that was legally promised through Congress. If a federal agency or President Trump blocks those funds, in violation of a court order, Wisconsin can temporarily hold back state payments to the federal government in the same amount. Once the federal government pays what is owed, the state will release those held funds. This helps protect local public programs and the people of Wisconsin from harm caused by federal delays.

LRB 2779 - Protecting Wisconsin Taxpayers from Unlawful Federal Actions by Proactive Financial Measures

Authored by Representatives Mayadev, Hysell, Bare

Senator Larson

LRB 2779 protects Wisconsin when the federal government breaks the law and doesn't send money that Congress appropriated for Wisconsin. When these unlawful actions happen, this bill allows the state to place a temporary lien on federal properties in Wisconsin. This action secures the state's interest in federal property when the federal government fails to pay the dollars approved for Wisconsin. The lien would be released once the federal government sends the full payment to Wisconsin. This tool makes sure Wisconsin can protect its budget and keep funding services that our neighbors rely on, like child care, public schools, and countless essential taxpayer-funded programs.

LRB 3520 - Civil Cause of Action

Authored by Representatives Hysell, Mayadev, Bare

Senator Larson

LRB 3520 establishes a civil cause of action for violations of rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution or law or those under the state constitution and laws. Persons operating under the color of law can be sued in state circuit court and win relief including damages as well as injunctive relief. While there exists a federal law that permits certain lawsuits for federal violations, this new cause of action would expand the ability of individual Wisconsin citizens to protect their rights at a time when they are increasingly at risk.

LRB 3556 - Prohibiting the State from Sharing an Individual's Personally Identifiable Information with the Federal Government

Authored by Representatives Bare, Cruz, Hong, Hysell, Mayadev

Senator Hesselbein

LRB 3556 prohibits state agencies or other bodies of the Wisconsin State Government from sharing personally identifiable information with the federal government unless necessary to comply with state or federal laws or to carry out the administration of a state or federal program. This bill also creates a private right of action for any individual whose personal information is shared contrary to the requirements of this bill.