

Library Legislative Day

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) and the Wisconsin Educational Media & Technology Association (WEMTA)

Please support SB 375/AB 473

The bills delay until July 1, 2014 the restrictions on participation by the UW System in selling or providing telecommunications services.

- The Legislative Audit Bureau's financial and performance audit of the UW's relationship with WiscNet will be complete by January 1, 2013. Extending the July 1, 2013 deadline by one year allows the Legislature time to review fully the audit's findings, recommendations and possible impacts on WiscNet members.
- WiscNet's 450 members – covering most school, public and academic libraries – count on WiscNet for Internet service that costs about three times less than many other providers charge while also receiving significant educational and collaborative benefits. Therefore, members will need the extra time this bill provides to possibly implement any audit recommendations that impact their budgets and their relationship with WiscNet.
- As passed by the Legislature, Act 32 (2011-13 biennial budget) would have authorized the Joint Committee on Finance to postpone the July 1, 2013, effective date of this provision, but the Governor's partial veto deleted that authority. SB 375/AB 473 will merely extend the effective date by one year, providing some of the flexibility that the legislature apparently intended.

Please support future legislation:

- Allowing public libraries to disclose library records when they request the assistance of law enforcement or contract with an outside party to retrieve lost or stolen library property
- To enable public library districts as a fifth governance choice in WI Stats. Ch. 43, giving communities another option for working together to serve citizens' information needs

Please support library funding in the future:

- Including continued use of the Common School Fund for its originally intended purpose – providing instructional resources used for school library programs
- For library-related programs and institutions, such as public library system aids, BadgerLink, statewide library resource contracts, Newsline for the Blind
- For the UW System libraries to enable them to support research and advanced study
- For the Wisconsin Historical Society Library
- For the Wisconsin State Law Library and the Milwaukee County and Dane County Legal Resources libraries

Message to the 14 Republican and 12 Democratic Legislators Who Support SB375/AB473

- Thank you!
- How can we help you move this legislation forward?

[4th Senate District](#). Lena Taylor, D-Milwaukee.

[6th Senate District](#). Spencer Coggs, D-Milwaukee.

[7th Senate District](#). Chris Larson, D-Milwaukee.

[12th Senate District](#). Jim Holperin, D-Conover.

[14th Senate District](#). Luther Olsen, R-Ripon.

[15th Senate District](#). Tim Cullen, D-Janesville.

[17th Senate District](#). Dale Schultz, R-Richland Center.

[23rd Senate District](#). Terry Moulton, R-Chippewa Falls.

[26th Senate District](#). Fred Risser, D-Madison.

[29th Senate District](#). Pam Galloway, R-Wausau.

[31st Senate District](#). Kathleen Vinehout, D-Alma.

[1st Assembly District](#). Garey Bies, R-Sister Bay.

[31st Assembly District](#). Steve Nass, R-Whitewater.

[43rd Assembly District](#). Evan Wynn, R-Whitewater.

[47th Assembly District](#). Keith Ripp, R-Lodi.

[48th Assembly District](#). Chris Taylor, D-Madison.

[49th Assembly District](#). Travis Tranel, R-Cuba City.

[51st Assembly District](#). Howard Marklein, R-Spring Green.

[53rd Assembly District](#). Richard Spanbauer, R-Oshkosh.

[55th Assembly District](#). Dean Kaufert, R-Neenah.

[68th Assembly District](#). Kathleen Bernier, R-Chippewa Falls.

[71st Assembly District](#). Howard Molepske Jr, D-Stevens Point.

[76th Assembly District](#). Terese Berceau, D-Madison.

[86th Assembly District](#). Jerry Petrowski, R-Marathon.

[91st Assembly District](#). Chris Danou, D-Trempealeau.

[94th Assembly District](#). Steve Doyle, D-Onalaska.

Message to other members of the State Legislature:

- Please support SB375/AB473, which has broad, bipartisan support among your colleagues.
- Describe WiscNet's educational and collaborative benefits as they pertain to your legislators' constituents.

Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities will hold a hearing on AB 473 on February 16. The committee members are (those in bold have co-sponsored the bill):

Steve Nass, Chair 31st District (R-Whitewater)
Dean Knudson, Vice-Chair 30th District (R-Hudson)
Joan Ballweg 41st District (R-Markesan)
Paul Farrow 98th District (R-Pewaukee)
Don Pridemore 99th District (R-Hartford)
Dan Knodl 24th District (R-Germantown)

Evan Wynn 41st District (R-Whitewater)
Louis Molepske, Jr. 71st District (D-Stevens Point)
Barbara Toles 17th District (D-Milwaukee)
Terese Berceau 76th District (D-Madison)
Mark Pocan 78th District (D-Madison)