

“Common Agenda” Template: Background Information about Your Legislators

	State Senator Fred Risser	Representative Brett Hulsey
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 of 6 state legislators who serve on the Wisconsin State Historical Society Board of Curators. ✓ “Consistent promoter” of University of Wisconsin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Madison Area Technical College part time teacher, UW lecturer ✓ Legislature should provide funding it promised for schools. Advocates tweaking the state school aid formula to take into consideration the number of special needs and low-income students each district has.
Job Training & Economic Development	✓	✓
Information Access & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supports BadgerLink (though he lacks a clear understanding of its impact) ✓ 1 of 2 state senators to sponsor bill to prohibit a person from using a wireless telecommunications device while driving (SB306 in 2009-11 legislative session). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓
Governmental Efficiency	✓ Member, Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations, 2011-13	✓
Other areas of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ One of the leaders of the Smoke-Free Wisconsin movement. ✓ Named one of the "Clean 16" legislators by Wisconsin Environmental Decade numerous times ✓ Biking, hiking, traveling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environment (Founder of Better Environmental Solutions, environmental and energy consulting firm) ✓ Natural resources (Clean Water Champion Award) ✓ Transportation (active in regional planning activities)
Length of service/ personal information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Has served in the State Senate since 1962; 4th generation of his family to serve in WI state legislature ✓ First elected to State Assembly in 1956 ✓ Currently longest serving state legislator in U.S. ✓ Married, 3 children, 4 grandchildren ✓ Birthday: 5/27/1922 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Elected to his first term in November 2010. ✓ Served on Dane County Board of Supervisors for 12 years. ✓ Married, 2 teenaged children ✓ Birthday: 4/28/1959
Possible areas of WLA/WEMTA legislative support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ UW Digital Commons ✓ Public library district legislation 	
Sources used	Legislative and personal websites	Legislative and campaign websites