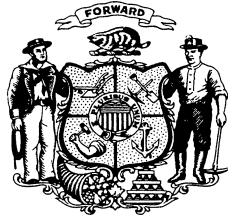


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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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### **JFC Lifts Objection on Recount Election Reimbursement for Dane and Milwaukee Counties**

Madison... The Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) has withdrawn the objection to the passive review related to reimbursement for the recount process in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) may now reimburse Dane and Milwaukee counties for all expenses related to the recount in November 2020.

“When the request came before the committee, we did not have enough information to approve the reimbursements at that time,” said Co-Chair Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam). “Although the receipts from Dane and Milwaukee counties have raised concerns, we now have the information we need to approve their request. At this time, the Wisconsin Elections Commission can reimburse them for their recount expenses.”

“While there are still concerns about the actual receipts for the recount, the JFC decided to withdraw our objections,” Co-Chair Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) said. “We continue to have concerns about the high hourly rate paid to workers, expensive rental costs when we have county-owned buildings sitting empty and inflated operational expenses. We plan to consider options for the future. This committee will protect the state’s checkbook.”