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***Assembly bill would add restrictions to local governments raising money for transportation projects***

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MADISON – Thursday the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means held a public hearing on Assembly Bill (AB) 361, a bill restricting local governments raising money for local road and transportation-related projects through vehicle registration fees. AB 361 would not just affect future attempts to impose wheel taxes, but would also apply retroactively to more than twenty-five local governments with existing wheel taxes in place.

“The Legislature has no business second-guessing local governments who are rightfully elected by and answer to voters in their communities,” said State Representative **Melissa Sargent** (D-Madison), ranking Assembly Democratic member on the Ways and Means Committee. “We should trust local elected officials to make decisions about their community’s needs and priorities.”