

Walker Republicans Cut UW Funding \$250 Million

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MADISON - Action taken today by the Republican-controlled Joint Finance Committee cuts \$250 million from our UW campuses. While this is \$50 million less than the \$300 million cut Gov. Scott Walker had originally proposed, it is still a devastating cut to higher education in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin will become one of only six states in the nation to cut funding for its public universities. As a result students and returning adults will find it more difficult and more expensive to get the classes they need to graduate.



According to Sen. **Dave Hansen** (D - Green Bay), *"Had the Legislature and the Governor focused their energy on creating jobs like they promised instead of giving billions in tax breaks to the wealthy and millions in taxpayer giveaways to their special interest friends, Wisconsin wouldn't be one of the worst states for job creation and Wisconsin families wouldn't have to endure the increased costs they will now have to bear in order for their children to graduate from a UW school."*

While our neighbors are using the increased revenue from their improved economic performance to increase funding for their universities, under the current leadership Wisconsin continues to fall further behind.

It is time for the Governor and Legislative Republicans to admit their agenda of placing corporate profits before the needs of average Wisconsinites has failed and to take back our \$400 million in federal tax dollars like our neighbors have done and use it to restore affordability for Wisconsin's UW students and their families.