



Wisconsin Aging  
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## **ACTION ALERT: Contact Your State Senator & Representative re: Speaker's Task Force on Elder Services Legislative Recommendations**

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**Take Action:** Contact your State Senator and State Representative TODAY to share with them how legislation proposed by the Speaker's Task Force on Elder Services would impact you, others you care about, and/or people in your community. Ask them to sign on as co-sponsors to legislation you support (the deadline for legislators to sign on as co-sponsors is **noon on Fri., 1/30/26**). To find out who represents you in the state legislature, enter your home address in the "Who Are My Legislators?" box found on this page - <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>.

The Wisconsin state legislature's Speaker's Task Force on Elder Services, created last September to identify ways to improve the quality of life for older Wisconsinites, released their report on Mon., January 22, 2026 <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/85/snyder/media/vgratypa/elder-service-final-task-force-report.pdf>.

The report details the Task Force's activities and includes their initial legislative recommendations. Their recommendations include six bill drafts:

- **LRB-5468: Virtual Currency Kiosks** – which requires a virtual currency kiosk operator to be licensed as a money transmitter and imposes certain regulatory requirements on virtual currency kiosk operators. The bill also includes several consumer protections such as capping user deposits at \$500/day, capping transaction chargers at \$5 or 3% of the total transaction amount, requiring crypto kiosks to display fraud warnings, and requiring the operator to provide a full refund of transactions if the customer notifies the Dept. of Financial Institutions or the Dept. of Justice of a fraudulent transaction within 30 days.
- **LRB-5579: The Department of Health Services' Drug Repository Program** – which makes various changes to the existing drug repository program and allows out-of-state persons to donate to the program in Wisconsin and allows persons in Wisconsin to donate to the program in other states.
- **LRB-5993: Grants for Community Emergency Medical Services and Falls Prevention Awareness and Initiatives** - includes \$200,000 to award a falls prevention awareness and initiatives grant in each fiscal year period (2025-26 and 2026-27) to the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA) and \$600,000 to create a pilot program to fund six municipal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to create and hire a community paramedic or community EMS practitioner.

### **Core member organizations**

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- **LRB-5995: Tuition and Materials Reimbursement for Community Paramedics and Community EMS Practitioners** – which expands an existing tuition and material reimbursement program to include reimbursement of tuition and materials related to completion of community paramedic or community EMS practitioner program.
- **LRB-6002: Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults** – which authorizes a financial service provider to take certain actions when the provider reasonably suspects financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult.
- **LRB-6022: Grants for Economic Support Specialists** – which provides a one-time appropriation of \$1 million to DHS to create a pilot program to provide grants to 10 counties to fund an economic support specialists position in the ADRC that serves that county.

These six bills were released to state legislators for co-sponsorship. **The deadline for legislators to sign on as initial co-sponsors is Fri., Jan. 30 at noon.** For more details on the proposed legislation, see the Task Force’s report: [elder-service-final-task-force-report.pdf](#)

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