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Wisconsin Insurance Alliance Commends Assembly Democrats

MADISON, WI - The Wisconsin Insurance Alliance applauds the efforts of the Assembly Democrats on removing the onerous comparative negligence provisions from the state budget.

“On behalf of Wisconsin’s property and casualty insurance industry, we are pleased that the Assembly Democrats responded to the concerns of citizen groups, constituents and editorial boards from across the state and removed the policy items regarding liability changes in the state budget,” said Andy Franken, President of the Wisconsin Insurance Alliance.

The Democratic State Assembly members voted as a caucus Wednesday to delete the provisions regarding joint and several liability, combined negligence, and jury instructions from the budget bill. “These provisions would have made the liability climate in Wisconsin the worst in the nation. If enacted, these changes would be a detriment to Wisconsin consumers, homeowners, manufacturers, and businesses across the state,” said Franken.

“The Assembly Democrats did the right thing and showed extraordinary leadership on behalf of their constituents today. For this reason, the property and casualty insurance industry is pleased with their action and commitment to maintaining the integrity of the legislative process we all expect.”

Franken also said, “We look forward to continuing to work with members of the legislature to address significant cost increases related to the automobile insurance mandates that remain in the budget.”