



2025-26 WEDA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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- **Energy Infrastructure** – Exempt utilities and ATC from Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and Certificate of Authority (CA) requirements for energy infrastructure projects of certain size, length, cost, and in certain locations.
- **Modernize TIF Law** – Modernize the state’s Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) laws to provide communities with greater TIF flexibility:
 - Relief from the current 12% TIF cap.
 - Allow for greater residential development in multi-use TIDs
 - Etc.
- **Statewide Closing Fund** – Create a statewide deal closing fund to provide low interest loan / grant funding to help to close financial gaps for key economic development projects.

2025-26 BROADER LEGISLATIVE AGENDA:

| Econ. Dev. Incentives | Workforce | Business Climate | Infrastructure |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modernize TIF law.• De-emphasize job creation for economic development programs.• Create a statewide low interest project closing fund.• Preserve the Manufacturing and Agriculture Tax Credit.• Create an advanced manufacturing grant program.• Ensure the WI Historic Tax Credit aligns with the needs of rural communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase residential development in multi-use TIDs.• Improve current workforce housing programs and financial incentives.• Incentive businesses to invest in childcare programs.• Funding for statewide talent attraction programs.• Reform the state’s workforce training programs to align with the need of businesses. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce the state’s overall tax burden.• Reduce costly red tape and burdensome regulations that hinder business growth and inhibit investment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exempt utilities from CPCN and CA requirements for certain energy infrastructure projects• Support robust investment in Wisconsin’s transportation network.• Create a grant program for industrial site infrastructure.• Ensure broadband funding is directed to the areas of greatest need.• Right of First Refusal legislation |