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## ACTION ALERT: Your Help is Needed to Get the Elder Services Task Force Bills Across the Finish Line

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**Take Action:** Contact your State Senator this week 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 urge committee passage of the bills and get them on the calendar for a vote by the full State Senate. 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 bipartisan Speaker's Task Force on Elder Service developed a legislative package earlier this year to identify ways to improve the quality of life for older Wisconsinites. The package included six legislative bills and two associated funding bills. In late February, the State Assembly passed all eight bills proposed by the Task Force. **The clock is ticking to get these bills passed by the State Senate which is scheduled to wrap up on March 19! To get the bills in front of the Governor and signed into law, they must first be passed by the following highlighted committees and the full Senate.**

- **Crypto Kiosks** - Virtual currency kiosks - [SB-975/AB-968](#) (James, Jesse) - [Senate Committee on Utilities, Technology & Tourism](#)
- **Drug Repository Program** - The drug repository program - [SB-987/AB-969](#) (Cabral-Guevara, Rachael) - [Senate Committee on Health](#)
- **Grants for Fall Prevention Awareness** - Grants to pilot community emergency medical services, grants for fall prevention awareness and initiatives, and making appropriation - [SB-976/AB-970](#) (James, Jesse). **Funding for this legislation has been separated from the initial bill and is now in [SB 996](#) - [Senate Committee on Transportation & Local Government](#).**
- **Community EMTS** - Tuition and materials reimbursement for community paramedics and community emergency medical services practitioners - [SB-974/AB-971](#) (James, Jesse) - [Senate Committee on Transportation & Local Government](#).
- **Financial Exploitation** – Financial exploitation of vulnerable adults - [SB-970/AB-972](#) (Quinn, Romaine) - [Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Sporting Heritage](#)
- **Economic Support Specialists** - Grants to pilot economic support specialists in ADRCs and making an appropriation - [SB-977/AB-973](#) (James, Jesse) **Funding for this legislation has been separated from the initial bill and is now in [SB 997](#) - [Senate Committee on Transportation & Local Government](#).**

If one or more of these bills is important to you, contact your Senator and let him/her know. Also, if your Senator is a member of the Senate Committee where a bill you support has been referred, ask them to encourage a vote in the committee. For more details on the legislation, see the Task Force's report:

[elder-service-final-task-force-report.pdf](#)

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### Mission

The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) works with and for all older adults by educating community members and policy makers on priority issues while advocating for meaningful change. Learn more at [gwaar.org/waan](https://gwaar.org/waan).