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CAPITOL UPDATE

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2009-2011 Budget Introduced

Governor Doyle this week presented his two-year state budget. The WCC will provide a summary of items of interest in a special *Capitol Update* next week.

Senate Passes Minimum Wage Bill

The Senate last week voted 18-14 to pass [SB-1](#), which would increase the minimum wage to \$7.60 and to provide for inflation indexing. The bill now awaits action in the Assembly.

Still Time to Register for *Catholics at the Capitol*

Registration continues for *Catholics at the Capitol* to be held on Tuesday, March 31, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison.

Registration is \$33 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. High school and university students can register for \$10. The registration deadline is March 12. [Registration form](#).

New Bills of Interest

[SB-69](#). **Educator Tax Deduction** (Hopper) Income tax deduction for certain educators and creating an individual income tax deduction for educators who use their own funds to purchase classroom educational supplies. To Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief & Revenue.

[SB-70](#). **Health Care Plans** (Vinehout) Coverage of dependents under health care plans. To Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief & Revenue.

[SB-80](#). **Volunteer Health Care Providers** (Kaufert) Gives volunteer health care providers immunity under certain circumstances. To Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief & Revenue.

[AB-41](#). **Minimum Wage** (Mason) Increases minimum wage, permits enactment of local living wage ordinances. To Labor.

[AB-44](#). **Volunteer Healthcare Providers** (Kaufert) Gives volunteer health care providers immunity under certain circumstances. To Public Health.

[AB-45](#). **Domestic Abuse** (Schneider) Domestic abuse identification training. To Job, Economy & Small Business.

[AB-53](#). **Illegal Aliens** (Schneider) Makes companies employing unauthorized aliens ineligible for certain tax exemptions, governmental contracts, grants and loans. To Workforce Development.

[AB-55](#). **Payday Loans** (Schneider) Restrictions on finance charges for certain motor vehicle title and payday loans. To Financial Institutions.

[AB-67](#). **Liquor License** (Zepnick) Alcohol beverages operators' licenses, managers' licenses, and retail licenses, and persons responsible for the operation of certain retail licensed premises. To Urban and Local Affairs.

[AB-69](#). **Food Banks** (Young) Creates an individual income tax checkoff for Wisconsin food banks that are members of Feeding America. To Ways and Means.

[AB-72](#). **Homeless Shelter** (Mason) Grants for providing shelter for homeless individuals and families in the vicinity of the state capitol building. To Finance.

[AB-74](#). **Health Savings Accounts** (Kaufert) Creates a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for certain amounts relating to health savings accounts that may be deducted from, or are exempt from, federal income taxes. To Health and Healthcare Reform.

Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml>

- Who are my legislators

[Directory of Senate Members](#)

[Directory of Assembly Members](#)

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/leginfo.html>

- 2009-10 Session Schedule
- Weekly Schedule of Committee Activities
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