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**UW System Statement about 2011-13 Budget Lapse**

The UW System learned late on Friday (Oct. 14) that all of our colleges, universities, and extension networks could lose \$46 million in state taxpayer support during fiscal year 2011-12, plus an additional \$19.6 million next fiscal year.

The 2011-13 State Budget provided for \$174.3 million of "lapses" in state GPR funding, requiring state agencies to return funding already allocated in the budget. In a [memo released Friday by the DOA Secretary](#), UW System would absorb \$65.6 million of this cut. Although the UW System typically represents about 7% of the state's GPR expenditures, it is being asked to absorb about 38% of this cut under the plan, subject to approval by the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance. It appears that the UW System is being asked to take a much larger share of the lapse compared to state government agencies.

This lapse will add to \$250 million in cuts already allocated to the UW System in the biennial budget, coming at a time when UW institutions are well into the academic year. With near record enrollments, campuses have made firm commitments to students, faculty, and staff that cannot be reversed mid-semester.

We do not know how we can take these cuts without negatively affecting the education of our students and the expectations of their families for a quality experience. These disproportionately large cuts will hurt every UW institution's ability to spur regional economic growth and to help all of Wisconsin emerge from a persistent economic recession.

In the coming days and weeks, UW leaders will appeal for a distribution of lapse amounts that will preserve the UW's ability to meet the needs of its students and serve as an economic engine for Wisconsin.

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**October 2011 Lapse Amounts by UW System Institution**

	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>2011-13 Total</b>
<b>UW-Madison*</b>	\$18,106,065	\$7,702,870	<b>\$25,808,935</b>
<b>UW-Milwaukee</b>	\$6,207,319	\$2,643,012	<b>\$8,850,331</b>
<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	\$2,345,863	\$998,844	<b>\$3,344,707</b>
<b>UW-Green Bay</b>	\$1,128,776	\$480,621	<b>\$1,609,397</b>
<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	\$1,899,341	\$808,720	<b>\$2,708,061</b>
<b>UW-Oshkosh</b>	\$2,257,640	\$961,280	<b>\$3,218,920</b>
<b>UW-Parkside</b>	\$1,066,609	\$454,151	<b>\$1,520,760</b>
<b>UW-Platteville</b>	\$1,305,136	\$555,713	<b>\$1,860,849</b>
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	\$1,306,120	\$556,132	<b>\$1,862,252</b>
<b>UW-Stevens Point</b>	\$1,929,202	\$821,434	<b>\$2,750,636</b>
<b>UW-Stout</b>	\$1,773,549	\$755,159	<b>\$2,528,708</b>
<b>UW-Superior</b>	\$700,290	\$298,176	<b>\$998,466</b>
<b>UW-Whitewater</b>	\$1,985,927	\$845,587	<b>\$2,831,514</b>
<b>UW Colleges</b>	\$1,749,461	\$744,902	<b>\$2,494,363</b>
<b>UW-Extension</b>	\$2,078,362	\$884,945	<b>\$2,963,307</b>
<b>UW System Administration</b>	\$295,417	\$123,223	<b>\$418,640</b>
	<b>\$46,135,077</b>	<b>\$19,634,769</b>	<b>\$65,769,846</b>

\* UW-Madison lapse includes State Lab of Hygiene (\$691,999) and Vet Diagnostic Lab (\$370,337)