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## Legislative Update

### Covid-19 Vaccine Mandate

PROFS supports UW System Interim President Tommy Thompson’s recent decision to comply with President Biden’s federal vaccine mandate for federal workers and contractors. Thompson said non-compliance would jeopardize millions of dollars in federal contracts. PROFS will continue to advocate for the broadest implementation of the mandate.

### Legislation

The Legislature is in a busy floor period and PROFS lobbying on and monitoring several pieces of legislation:

[Assembly Bill 195/Senate Bill 323](#) PROFS registered against these bills that prohibit transgender women from participating in UW System and Wisconsin Technical College System intercollegiate, intramural, and club sports. AB 195 passed the Assembly but failed passage 2-3 in a Senate committee. However, it could still be scheduled for vote in the Senate floor this session. Our statement on this legislation is [here](#).

[Assembly Bill 347/Senate Bill 375](#) PROFS registered against these bills that prohibit UW System and the Wisconsin Technical College System from requiring testing for, or vaccination against, COVID-19.

[Assembly Bill 362/Senate Bill 359](#) PROFS registered in favor of these bills that restore previous shared governance language to state statutes.

[Assembly Bill 363/Senate Bill 360](#) PROFS registered in favor of these bills that restore previous tenure language to state statutes.

[Assembly Bill 370/Senate Bill 260](#) PROFS registered against these bills that prohibit UW System and UW Hospital and Clinics from, while in the scope of their employment, performing or assisting the performance of an abortion. This legislation could jeopardize the accreditation of the obstetrics and gynecology residency program. AB 370 failed passage 2-3 in committee but could still be scheduled for a floor vote this session.

[Assembly Bill 413/Senate Bill 409](#) PROFS is registered against these bills that ban instruction on systemic racism (referred to in the media as Critical Race Theory) at UW System and the Wisconsin Technical College System when introduced. A public hearing was held on AB 413 last month and our testimony in opposition to the legislation on the PROFS website.

[Assembly Bill 568/Senate Bill 557](#) PROFS is registered in favor of these bills that expands the type of revenue the university currently is allowed to invest to generate additional returns.

[Assembly Bill 639/Senate Bill 602](#) PROFS is registered in favor of this legislation when introduced. The bill will provide funding \$180,000 in funding in each of the next two years for UW-Madison’s Missing-in-Action Recovery Project.

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