

Lobbying And Time Expenditures

2025-2026 Legislative Session

January-June 2025

Badger Institute

Description Of Totals And Expenditures	Hours Communicating	Hours Other	Dollars
Lobbyists	26.00	25.50	\$23,400.00
Self-Employed Lobbyist - No Firm or Org			\$0.00
James Bender	24.00	0.00	\$7,200.00
The Welch Group			\$16,200.00
Jim Steineke	2.00	25.50	\$0.00
Comments:			
Non-Lobbyist Employees	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Comments:			
Overhead			\$0.00
Payments to Officials²			\$0.00
Travel and Living Expenses			
a) Lobbyist Employees			\$23,400.00
b) Non-Lobbyist Employees			\$0.00
All Other Lobbying Expenses			\$0.00
Total Lobbying Time And Expenditures:	26.00 Hours	25.50 Hours	\$23,400.00

Allocation of Lobbying Effort	Percent
Legislative Proposals	10%
Assembly Bill 1	5 %
Assembly Joint Resolution 6	5 %
Budget Bill Subjects	50%
Children and Families: Departmentwide	5 %
Revenue: Collection of Taxes	35 %
Revenue: State and Local Finance	10 %
Administrative Rulemaking Proceedings	0%
Topics Not Yet Assigned A Bill Or Rule Number	40%
School choice	40 %
Minor Efforts	0%
All Other Matters	0%
Total Reported Lobbying Effort:	100%

Report Certified On: Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Certification and Electronic Signature

I certify I am James Bender and certify that the information entered and reported to the Wisconsin Ethics Commission is an accurate record of the lobbying activities of Badger Institute.

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