

Lobbying And Time Expenditures

2025-2026 Legislative Session

July-December 2025

Badger Institute

Description Of Totals And Expenditures	Hours Communicating	Hours Other	Dollars
Lobbyists	5.50	24.50	\$16,540.00
Self-Employed Lobbyist - No Firm or Org			\$0.00
James Bender	0.00	4.00	\$1,200.00
The Welch Group			\$0.00
Jim Steineke	5.50	20.50	\$15,340.00
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			\$16,540.00
b) Non-Lobbyist Employees			\$0.00
All Other Lobbying Expenses			\$0.00
Total Lobbying Time And Expenditures:	5.50 Hours	24.50 Hours	\$16,540.00

Allocation of Lobbying Effort	Percent
Legislative Proposals	84%
Assembly Bill 165	4 %
Assembly Bill 274	4 %
Assembly Bill 275	4 %
Assembly Bill 276	4 %
Assembly Bill 277	4 %
Assembly Bill 453	4 %
Assembly Bill 696	20 %
Senate Bill 202	4 %
Senate Bill 275	4 %
Senate Bill 276	4 %
Senate Bill 277	4 %
Senate Bill 289	4 %
Senate Bill 732	20 %
Budget Bill Subjects	0%
Administrative Rulemaking Proceedings	0%
Topics Not Yet Assigned A Bill Or Rule Number	16%
School choice	16 %
Minor Efforts	0%
All Other Matters	0%
Total Reported Lobbying Effort:	100%

Report Certified On: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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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