

Caregiver Task Force-
Related Proposals

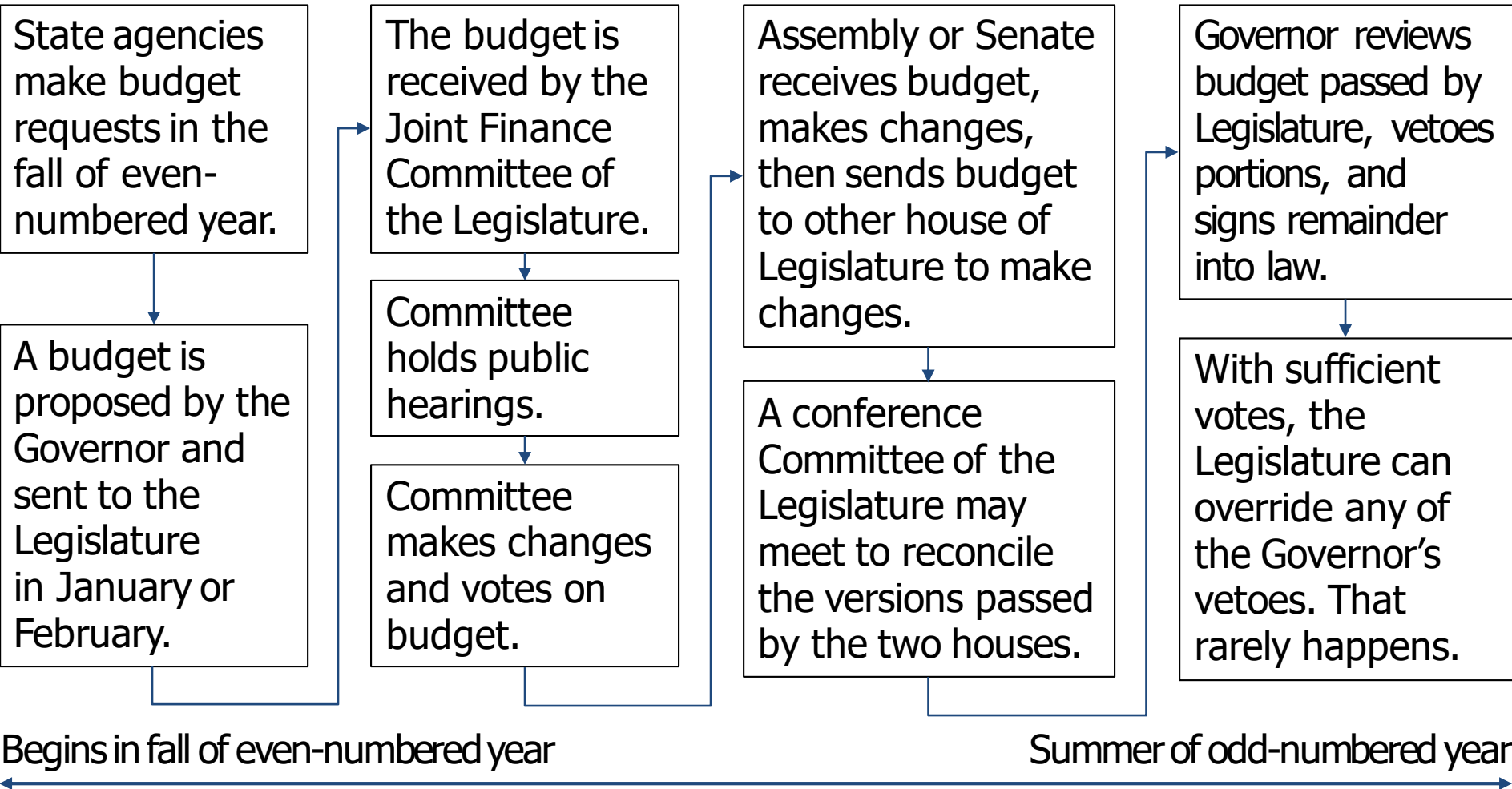
2021-23 State of Wisconsin Budget

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The Budget Process in Wisconsin



Family Caregiving Proposals



Caregiver Task Force Proposals in Governor's Budget

Tailored care assessment and referral:

- One-year pilot in FY22 of the Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral protocol
- \$60,000 provided in FY22



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Aging and disability resource centers (\$7m):

- Expand caregiver support; focus on caregivers of adults with disabilities age 19–59
- Expand tribal aging and disability resource specialist (ADRS) program
- Expand tribal benefit specialist program
- Expand dementia care specialists statewide by providing \$3.5m over biennium (18 for county ADRCs, 7 for tribes)



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Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA):

- Permits leave to be taken to care for a grandparent, grandchild or sibling with a serious health condition
- Expands definition of “serious health condition” to include medical quarantine (for the individual or a caregiver)



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Caregiver tax credit:

Invests \$200m+ to create an individual income tax caregiver credit for qualified expenses up to \$500



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- **Hospital services to caregivers:** Requires hospitals to allow caregiver designation and to provide instruction for patient care after discharge
- **Home care provider registry:**
 - Requires DHS to conduct a one-year pilot to create a home care provider registry and to issue an RFP to select the software platform
 - Does not provide funding



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Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support (AFCSP):

- Increases funding by \$1m over biennium (\$500,000/\$500,000)
- Recommends expanding financial eligibility: from \$48,000 to \$55,000
- Was not in the Caregiver Task Force Recommendations, but supports family caregivers of people with dementia



Direct Care Workforce Proposals



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Home and community based services (HCBS) programs rate bands:

- Directs DHS to develop a statewide rate band that would establish equitable and sustainable minimum rates for HCBS long-term care supports
- Requires DHS to include a proposal to implement rate bands in its 2023–25 biennial budget request



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Direct care funding for nursing homes and personal care:

- Provides an 11.5%/11.7% increase to nursing home rates, investing \$241m over the biennium
- Provides \$77m over biennium to support direct care staff that provide personal care services



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Direct care funding for Family Care:

- Funding to increase direct care and services portion of the capitation rate DHS provides to MCOs, in recognition of the direct care workforce
- \$77m over biennium



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Medicaid expansion:

- Recommends accepting the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) provision for Medicaid expansion
- Provides healthcare coverage to 90,900 low-income families
- Creates \$634m in savings for the state



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Earning disregard for direct care workers:

- “Income disregard for Wisconsin Shares”
- No loss of eligibility from income related to caregiving
- \$1.2m provided over biennium



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Direct Support Professional Training:

- Directs DHS to develop and implement a pilot program to provide person-centered direct support professional training to achieve consistent standards of practices
- Directs DHS to develop a career ladder for caregivers leading to potential certification as a nurse aide
- Does not provide funding



Caregiver Task Force Proposals **Not in the Governor's Budget**

- Medical loss ratio (#8)
- Recognition and recruitment (#13)
- Background check policies (#14)
- Medicaid provider regulatory oversight (#15)

