

# What is in Store for the UW-System?

This powerpoint provides an introduction to the issues for the University System as of Feb. 7, 2015 (our thanks to the UW-Madison TAA for creating the original ppt file, which we adapted this one from).

The information comes from the Governor's budget proposal for UW-System, and describes the process of decision making this spring.

*Check back for updates as we get them.*

# Two Proposals

Massive Budget Cut: \$300 million

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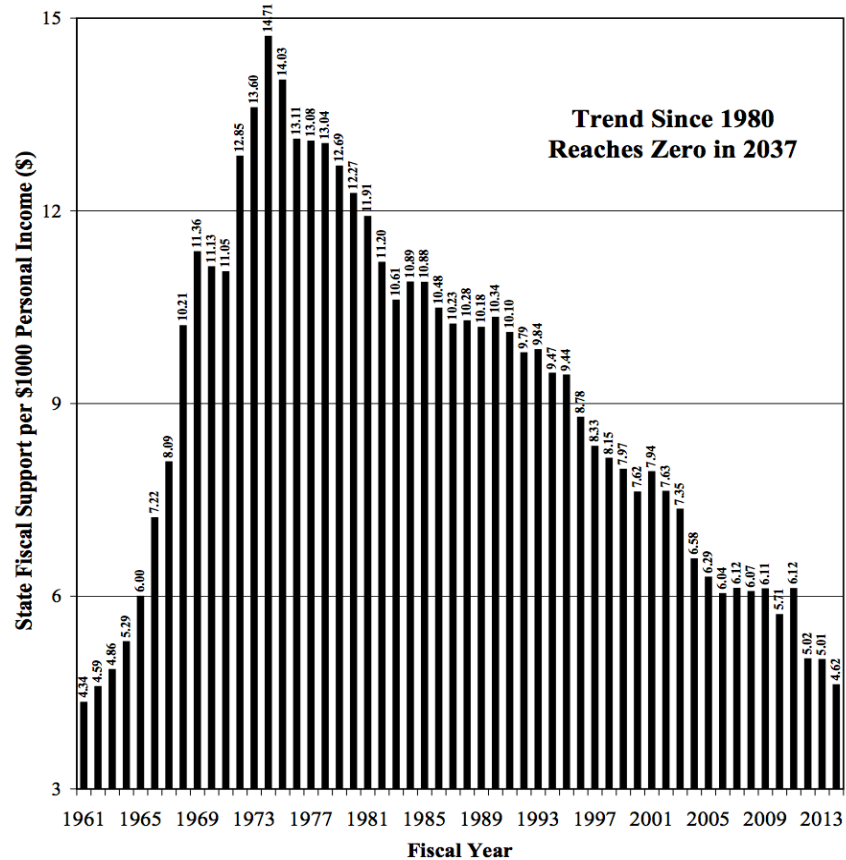
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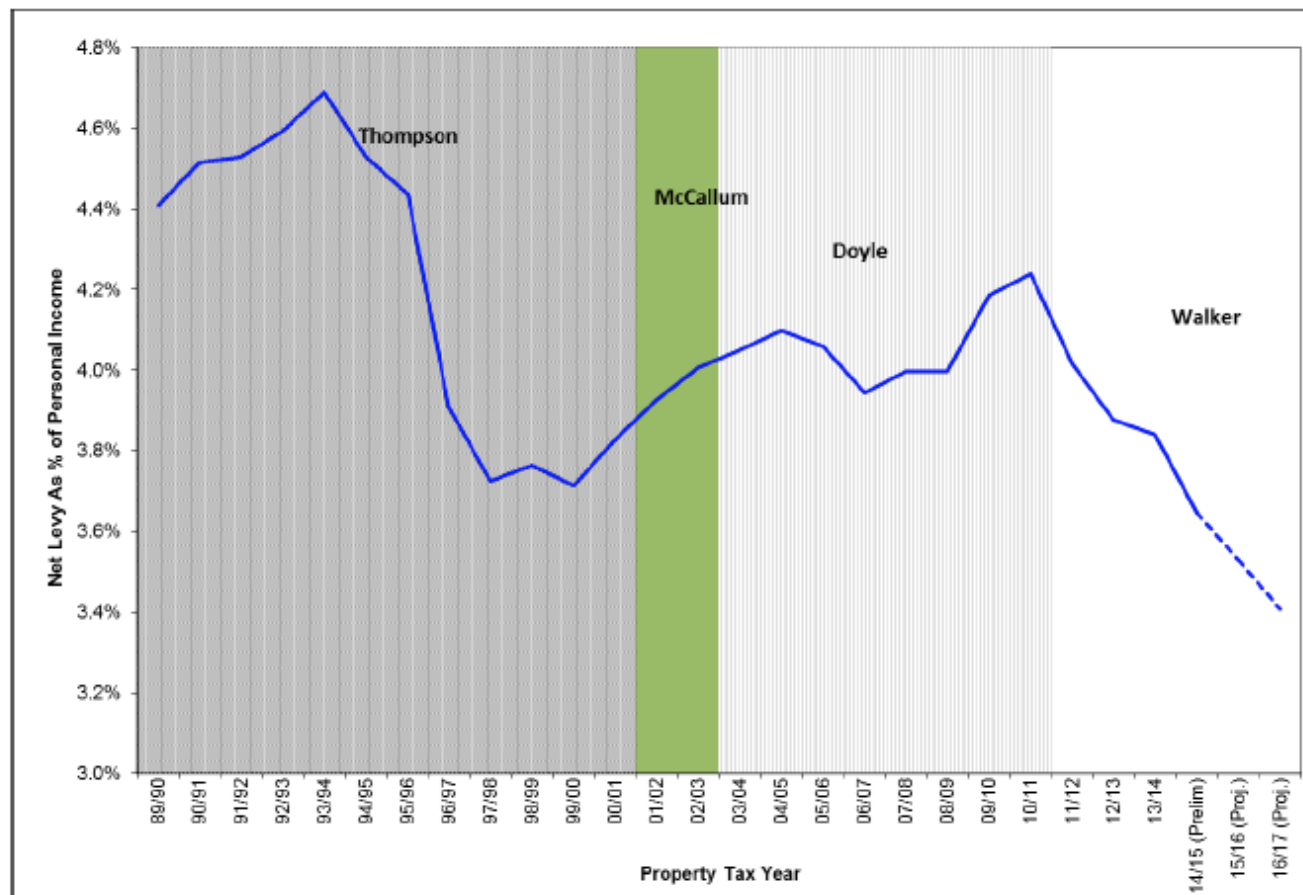
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- **\$150 million annual cuts** in 2015 and 2016
  - Equivalent to the entire operating budget of UW-Green Bay
- **Base funding will drop further** in 2017. Costs to continue that are being provided in the 2015-2017 biennium (\$21 million) will be removed from the budget starting in FY 2018.
- Base funding will come from **sales tax**
- Comes after **40 years** of declining state aid to University System

## Wisconsin Fiscal Support for Higher Education per \$1000 of Personal Income FY1961 to FY2014



**CHART 5: HOLDING THE LINE ON PROPERTY TAXES REVERSED TREND OF RISING BURDENS**



Source: 2015-17, State of Wisconsin: "Budget in Brief"

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- Continues tuition freeze for in-state undergraduate tuition until 2017; **out-of-state tuition** could be raised to offset cuts
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- Provide the public authority with **control over revenues and interest earnings related to certain auxiliaries operations** earned by the authority, including discretion to deposit net cash balances, except for gift and grant funds, in the local government investment pool
- Provide the public authority with **control over all procurement , printing , and fleet policies**
- Provide the public authority with **full control over approving pay plans** (no State OSER/JCOER oversight). However, the public authority would also be removed from the State Compensation Reserve, which would likely have additional budgetary impacts.

# Restructuring the UW-System

## Struck (originally) WI Idea/Search for truth from System mission (now restored)

**SECTION 1111.** 36.01 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.01 (2) The mission of the system is to develop human resources to meet the state's workforce needs, to discover and disseminate knowledge, to ~~extend knowledge and its application beyond the boundaries of its campuses and to serve and stimulate society by developing~~ develop in students heightened intellectual, cultural, and humane sensitivities, scientific, professional and technological expertise, and a sense of purpose. ~~Inherent in this broad mission are methods of instruction, research, extended training and public service designed to educate people and improve the human condition. Basic to every purpose of the system is the search for truth.~~

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State agencies make requests to Gov.

Gov. proposes budget

Joint Finance Committee receives budget

Committee holds public hearings

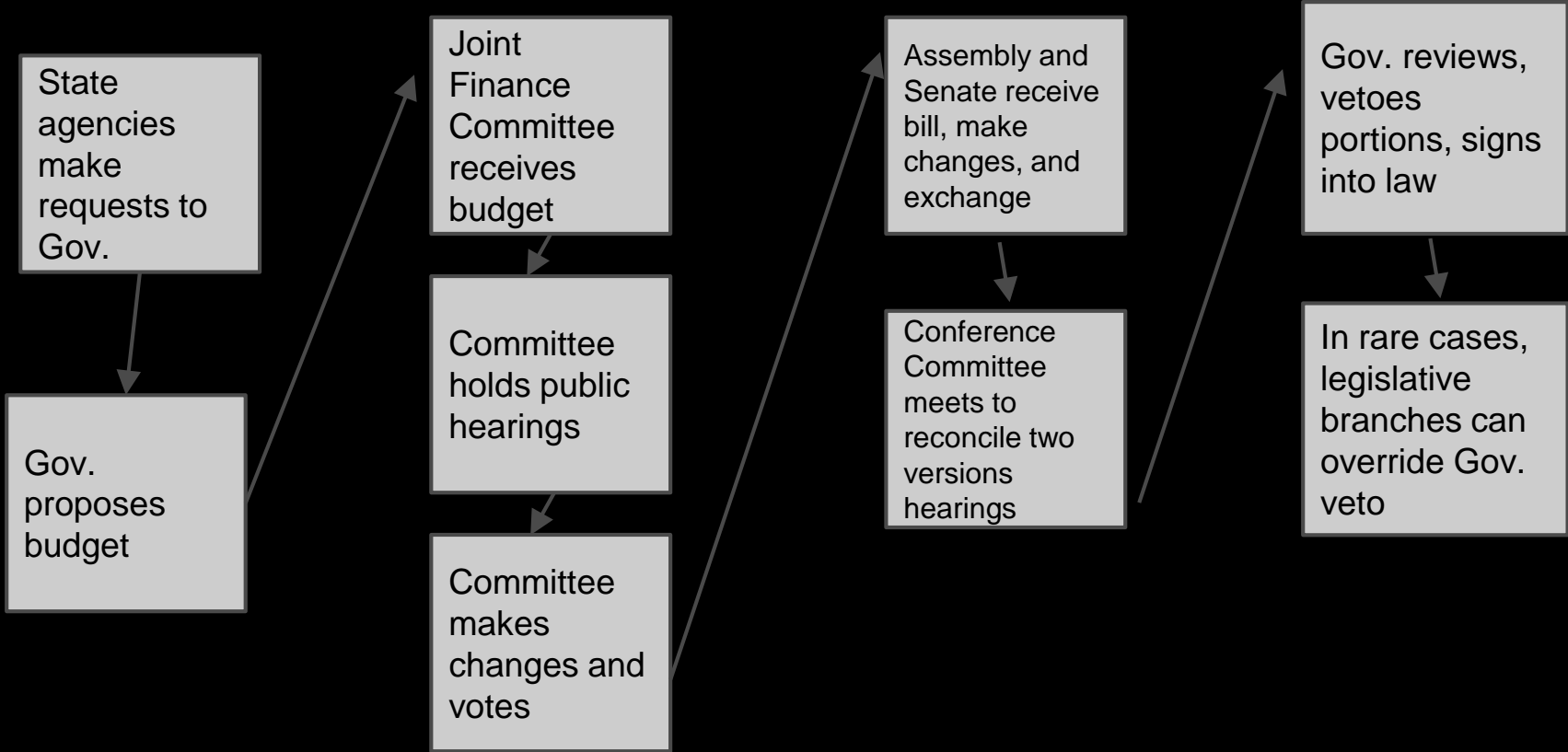
Committee makes changes and votes

Assembly and Senate receive bill, make changes, and exchange

Conference Committee meets to reconcile two versions hearings

Gov. reviews, vetoes portions, signs into law

In rare cases, legislative branches can override Gov. veto



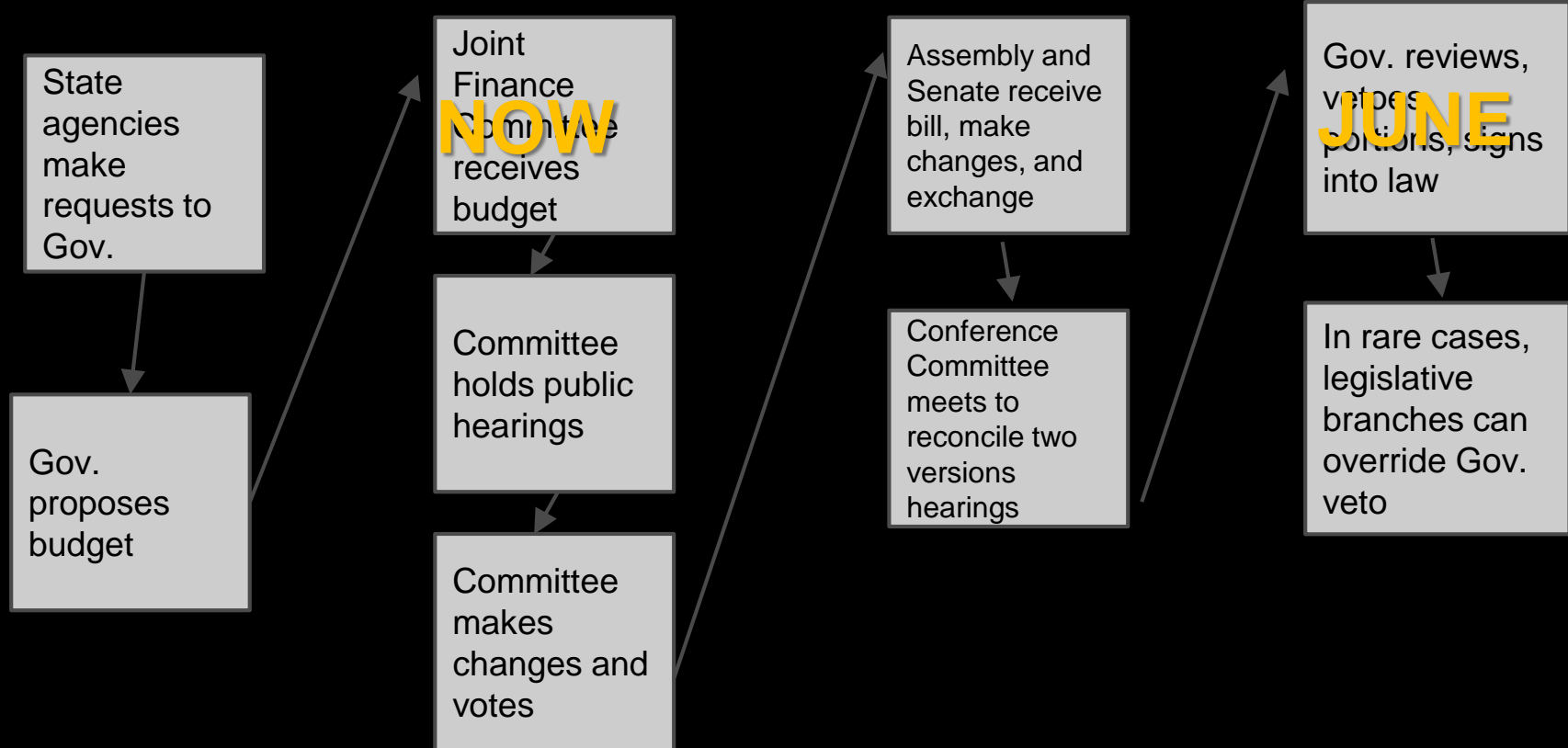
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# Issues to Address

- Question Public Authority
- Question Cuts
- Question Layoffs

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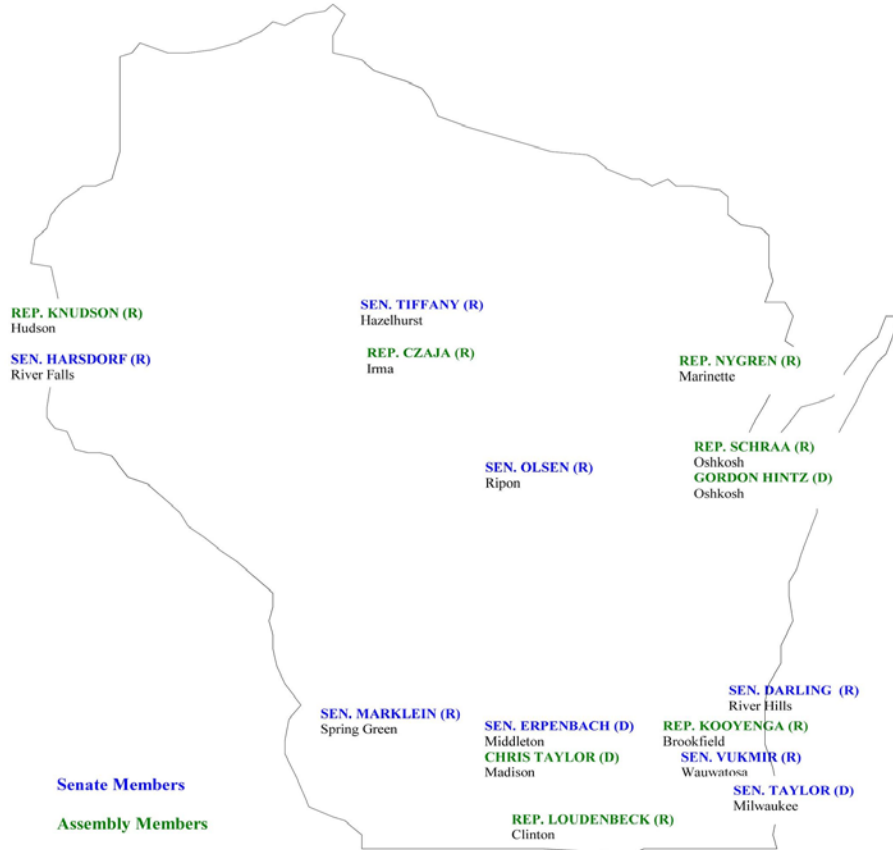
- **State**

- Governor
- Joint Finance Committee
- Legislature

- **UW Administration**

- Chancellor(s)
- Regents
- System President

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
2015-17**



**Closest Members (geographically):**

Sen. Darling (R)  
River Hills

Sen. Taylor (D)  
Milwaukee

Rep. Kooyenga (R)  
Brookfield

Sen. Vukmir (R)  
Wauwatosa

Rep. Taylor (D)  
Madison

Sen. Erpenbach (D)  
Middleton

# What Actions can UWM Students, Staff , Alumni, and Citizens Take?

- Help tell the UWM Story: <http://uwm.edu/budget/#stories>
- Contact Legislators: <http://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/>
- See the information here: <http://uwm.edu/budget/> and here: <http://ucnews.uwm.edu>
- Contact the Board of Regents (next meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> in Madison) <https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/>
- Attend UWM Campus Forums (Next one is Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:00pm, Union Wisconsin Room)