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Survival Coalition Congratulates the Legislature on Bi-Partisan Support for Employment Policies to Increase Hiring of People with Disabilities

Madison, WI – Wisconsin employers will share their stories of successfully employing people with disabilities and thank legislators for their bi-partisan support of efforts to create policies that improve the hiring of people with disabilities at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 19, 2017, in the State Capitol Assembly Parlor.

Representative James Edming, Representative Jimmy Anderson and Senator Tom Tiffany have introduced AB 625/SB 514, the Employment First bill with a total of 48 co-sponsors. Representative Macco and Senator Feyen are expected to formally introduce their Partners with Business bill - LRB 1527 and LRB 5027 – after it closes for co-sponsorship this week.

Employers at Tuesday's press event will share their success in hiring people with disabilities, including how Partners with Business, a model that helps an employer train an existing co-worker to support an employee with a disability, has helped them increase efficiency in their workplace. Employers from a law firm, restaurants, and a radio station are expected to speak.

The Employment First bill introduced last month will require state agencies to set benchmarks and goals to increase hiring of people with disabilities.

The Survival Coalition of more than 30 statewide disability organizations is committed to increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Only 21% of people with disabilities have jobs, compared with 68.3% of people without disabilities. 80% of people with disabilities say they want to work or want to work more hours. These efforts are important steps forward and Survival Coalition looks forward to continued policy development and support to ensure that all people with disabilities have an opportunity to work and contribute to Wisconsin's economy.

Survival Coalition Issue Teams: education, employment, housing, long term care for adults, long term care for children, mental health, transportation, workforce, voting, Medicaid and health care.

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