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**From:** Janet Zander <janet.zander@gwaar.org>  
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**Subject:** Senate Passes Two Alzheimer's & Caregiver Bills & Supported Decision-Making Agreements Bill

**Importance:** High

**Late this afternoon, the full Senate was in session** (and didn't adjourn until after 10 p.m. this evening) **and passed two of the Alzheimer's and Caregiver bills, as well as the Supported Decision-Making Agreements bill.**

**AB-629 - Uniform Adult Guardianship Jurisdiction** - creates uniform guardianship laws in Wisconsin by incorporating the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act (UAGPPJA) into Wisconsin law with some modifications. Generally, the bill addresses and clarifies court jurisdiction issues for adult guardians exercising their authority across state lines. This bill was passed by the Senate on a voice vote.

**AB-632 - Alzheimer's and Dementia Grants** - requires the state Department of Health Services (DHS) to distribute up to \$500,000 in grants to community programs across the state to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia in rural and underserved urban areas. This Senate passed this bill on a vote of 32-0.

**AB 655 - Supported Decision-Making Agreements** - creates a formal supported-decision making process in Wisconsin in which adults, of any age, with a functional impairment can create a supported decision-making agreement(s) to allow another person, referred to as a "supporter," to assist the adult in making life decisions (where to live or work, services and or supports received, etc.) by providing assistance with accessing and obtaining needed information, understanding information once it is obtained, and/or communicating the adult's decision(s) to the appropriate people. This bill was passed by the Senate on a voice vote.

**These bills are now available for the Governor to sign into law!** Thank you all for your efforts related to these bills. **Your relationships with your legislators do make a difference!**

This will be the Senate's final floor period for the 2017-18 legislative session.

The Assembly has agreed to meet in extraordinary session later this week to take up the versions of the child tax credit, juvenile corrections and school safety bills passed by the Senate today.

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