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## **Representative Smola Appointed to Budget Conference Committee**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means)** has been named as one of three House legislators appointed to the conference committee that will negotiate differences between the House and Senate versions of the state budget. Both the House and Senate recently passed budgets totaling roughly \$42.7 billion for fiscal year 2020. The conference committee will now reconcile differences between the two proposals.

"The budget is the number one priority for the legislature and every aspect of it is closely examined and deliberated," said Representative Smola. "I am humbled to have been trusted with this responsibility. I look forward to working with my fellow conference committee members to produce a responsible budget for the commonwealth."

"As the Ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, Representative Smola has been a steadfast advocate for the state's taxpayers and the needs of our cities and towns," said House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading). "I am confident he will do everything he can to help the conference committee craft a fiscally responsible state budget."

Fiscal year 2020 begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>, which gives the conference committee less than a month to negotiate a compromise between the two versions of the budget. A final document will go to the House and Senate for a vote before moving to Governor Baker's office for final approval.

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