

1 By Supervisor Haas

File No. 14-

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3 **A RESOLUTION**

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5 Expressing opposition to the proposed \$11.8 Million budget reduction in funding to  
6 the Wisconsin Circuit Court System over the next two-year period.

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8 WHEREAS, the 2013-15 State Biennial Budget requires the Wisconsin Circuit Court  
9 System to return a total of \$11.8 Million to the State General Fund over the next two-year  
10 period, resulting in budget cuts affecting the Milwaukee County Circuit Court system; and  
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12 WHEREAS, if the budget cuts are made, Milwaukee County Circuit Court will no  
13 longer receive State funding at the previous level for contribution to its budget resulting in  
14 budget shortfalls, this loss of funding will need to be recouped somewhere which will  
15 automatically reduce the services provided to Milwaukee County residents; and  
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17 WHEREAS, a reduction in services may mean a possible shrinkage of administrative  
18 workers resulting in increased delays for everyday services, decreased ability to attract high  
19 quality judicial candidates, delayed court cases, reduced online services, less public safety  
20 measures, fewer programs that reduce recidivism; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson  
23 characterizes the cuts as "anti-revenue measures," as reported in The Capital Times on  
24 May 31, 2013, due to a decrease in clerks available to collect court fees and a decrease in  
25 overall collections; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the proposed cutback in funding and resulting budget cuts will create an  
28 immense financial challenge to Milwaukee County, potentially resulting in an increased tax  
29 levy, while striving to meet the challenge of strict levy caps; now, therefore,  
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31 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby states  
32 Milwaukee County's opposition to the return of Wisconsin Judicial Branch Funding to the  
33 State General Fund over the next two-year period; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Clerk shall forward a copy  
36 of this resolution to Milwaukee County's State Legislators, the Governor, the Director of  
37 State Courts, and all other Wisconsin Counties.

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

**DATE:** May 7, 2014

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** A resolution expressing opposition to the proposed \$11.8 Million budget reduction in funding to the Wisconsin Circuit Court System over the next two-year period

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures<br>(If checked, check one of two boxes below)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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*Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.*

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

## DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.<sup>1</sup> If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

A. If approved this resolution expresses the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors opposition to the proposed reduction in funding to the Wisconsin Circuit Court System and directs the County Clerk to communicate this to Milwaukee County's State Legislators, the Governor, the Director of State Courts, and all other Wisconsin Counties

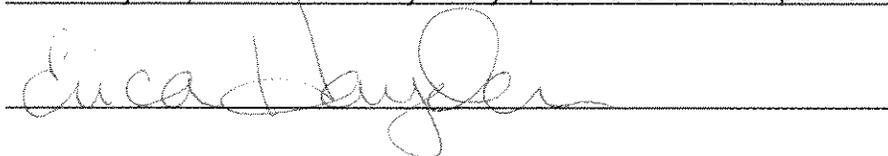
B. Approval of this resolution will not require an expenditure of funds, but will require existing staff time to communicate its contents to the appropriate individuals.

C. None

D. None

Department/Prepared By Erica Hayden, Research Policy Analyst, Office of the Comptroller

Authorized Signature



Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

Did CDBP Review?<sup>2</sup>  Yes  No  Not Required

<sup>1</sup> If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

<sup>2</sup> Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

1 By Supervisor Weishan

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**A RESOLUTION**

Opposing the development of a proposed downtown streetcar route and creation of a City of Milwaukee entity to operate the new public transit system

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress allocated the final \$91.5 million in transportation aid that was originally part of a \$289 million appropriation in 1991 by providing \$54.9 million to the City of Milwaukee (“City”) for a streetcar line and \$36.6 million to Milwaukee County (“County”) for buses; and

WHEREAS, modern streetcars run on rails laid in streets and draw power from overhead wires and operate in traffic; and

WHEREAS, the initial plans for the City streetcar system is an approximate 2.1 mile loop from the Intermodal Station on St. Paul Avenue to the lower east side (north to Ogden Avenue); and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction budget for the City streetcar system is approximately \$64.6 million, with \$54.9 million from the federal transportation funds and an additional \$9.7 million from a tax financing district, which is partially supported by County property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed initial loop does not significantly impact minority neighborhoods, where access to public transportation is critical; and

WHEREAS, the County already operates a county-wide transit system that already serves the area where the proposed streetcar route would be constructed; and

WHEREAS, it was initially estimated that the cost to relocate utilities along the route could cost up to \$65 million, but that figure is expected to be trimmed due to route modifications and other efforts; and

WHEREAS, despite the extensive efforts to reduce the cost of utility relocation, the issue remains contentious due to recent State legislation that essentially forces that the Public Service Commission to rule against the City’s claim that private utilities and their ratepayers must pay for the cost of utility relocation for the streetcar project; and

40           WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this matter will end up in the courts to ultimately  
41 determine whether the private utilities or the City must pay the significant utility  
42 relocation costs; and

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44           WHEREAS, in the meantime, the \$54.9 million can be better used to enhance  
45 public transportation through the existing transit system operated by the County; now,  
46 therefore,

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48           BE IT RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County is hereby opposed to the construction  
49 of the proposed downtown streetcar loop in the City of Milwaukee; and

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51           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County opposes the creation of  
52 another public transportation entity that would provide public transportation to an area  
53 that is already heavily served by the Milwaukee County Transit System; and

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55           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is authorized and directed  
56 to provide a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of Milwaukee and the members of the  
57 Milwaukee Common Council.

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

**DATE:** February 25, 2014

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** A resolution opposing the development of a proposed downtown streetcar route and creation of a City of Milwaukee entity to operate the new public transit system

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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	Revenue	0	0
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- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

- A. Approval of this resolution will indicate Milwaukee County's opposition to the construction of the proposed downtown Milwaukee streetcar loop and the creation of another public transportation entity to provide public transportation to an area that is already heavily served by the Milwaukee County Transit System.
- B. An expenditure of staff time will be required to communicate the contents of this resolution to City of Milwaukee officials. No additional funding is expected to be required.
- C. None. Included within the 2014 Adopted Budget.
- D. None.

Department/Prepared By Steve Cady, Policy and Research Director, Office of the Comptroller

Authorized Signature 

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

Did CBDP Review?<sup>2</sup>  Yes  No  Not Required

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