

Reply to Common Council File No. 020103

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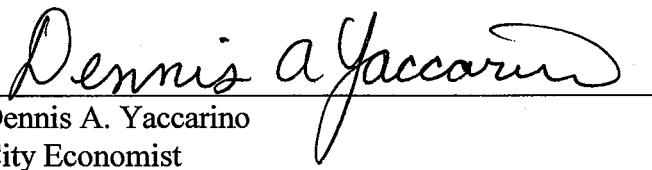
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Health care costs are dramatically impacting public and private sector budgets. Estimated cost for the City's 2002 health care budget assumes growth of over 20% from the previous year. The Milwaukee Public Schools are experiencing similar problems. Common Council file 020103 contains a resolution supporting a joint venture by the city and MPS to work together to determine ways to reduce employee health care costs. The resolution also requests a report to be submitted 120 days after adoption of this resolution.

In addition to this resolution, the Mayor has created the Health Care Task Force that is exploring a wide range of ideas to reduce health care costs. This resolution is consistent with the preliminary recommendations of the task force.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT COMMON COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 020103 SUPPORTING THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE AND THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORKING TOGETHER TO EXAMINE WAYS OF REDUCING EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COSTS.


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