Reply to Common Council File No. 001571

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 001571 is a resolution authorizing the Department of Employee Relations to retain the services of outside consultants for various employee benefit contracts which will expire on December 31, 2001. In consultation with the Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee, this resolution authorizes the Director of Employee Relations to expend as much as \$30,000 for consultants to assist with requests for proposals for expiring employee benefit contracts for the four basic health employee benefit services — Basic Health Plan Third Party Administration, Basic Health Plan Preferred Provider Organization, Basic Health Plan Utilization Review and Case Management, and the Basic Health Plan Discount Drug Card.

Common Council File 001571 also authorizes and directs the Department of Employee Relations to negotiate premium changes and to extend the contracts of the seven current providers of health maintenance organization services, pre-paid dental services, fee-for-service dental services, and long-term disability insurance services for the years 2002 and 2003. These actions are subject to final approval by the Common Council.

The fiscal impact of this file is \$30,000. The Special Purpose Account Claims Cost Containment Program (0001-1650-0001-S115-2001-006100) includes funding for these expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

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