

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

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ALD D'AMATO, HAMILTON, BAUMAN, MURPHY AND BOHL

..Title

Resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek immediate passage of the 2007-2009 State Budget, with adoption of the Governor's and Joint Finance Committee language for increased shared revenues to cities and municipalities.

..Analysis

This resolution directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek immediate passage of the 2007-2009 State Budget, with adoption of the Governor's and Joint Finance Committee language for increased shared revenues to cities and municipalities and rejection of the Assembly version that targets irresponsible cuts to the cities of Milwaukee, Racine and Superior and Beloit.

..Body

Whereas, The State Legislature is already 10 weeks overdue in passing a 2007-2009 State Budget as required by state statute; and,

Whereas, The State Legislature has made no progress on key issues and does not appear to be close to passing a 2007-2009 State Budget; and,

Whereas, A combination of local ordinance requirements, public hearing requirements, administration and legislative processes, and state law requirements prescribe narrow time frames for cities, towns and villages for the preparation of annual budgets; and,

Whereas, Local government budgets are significantly impacted by state actions such as local government aid levels, expenditure limits, grants, reimbursable amounts and other costs and revenues determined by state law; and,

Whereas, Local governments are required by state statute to submit and adopt balanced budgets for both revenues and expenditures; and,

Whereas, These calculations are necessary to allow local governments to develop responsible budgets that provide essential public services and hold the line on increasing property taxes; and,

Whereas, The Assembly version of the State Budget proposes to penalize with selective cuts the Democratic-leaning communities of Milwaukee, Racine, Superior and Beloit; and,

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee stands to lose the Governor's and Joint Finance Committee's proposed \$4 million increase in shared revenues in addition to the \$28 million cut proposed by the Assembly version, for a total net change of \$32 million; and,

Whereas, The slashes in aid to Milwaukee by the Assembly version is divisive and confirms fears of an anti-Milwaukee bias in Madison; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Common Council directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division—Department of Administration to seek immediate passage of the 2007-2009 State Budget; with adoption of the Governor's and Joint Finance Committee language for increased shared revenues to cities and municipalities, and rejection of the Assembly version that imposes irresponsible cuts to the cities of Milwaukee, Racine and Superior and Beloit.

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