

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 17a, FILE # 040137

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File # 040137 is a substitute resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Health Department to renew an agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the Board of Regents of the Wisconsin University System relating to billing and collection services provided by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department to renew an agreement with the Board of Regents of the Wisconsin University System under which the State Laboratory of Hygiene, part of the University of Wisconsin – Madison, will provide billing and collection services to the health department.
2. This is a renewal of an intergovernmental agreement.

Discussion

1. Under the terms of this agreement, the State Laboratory of Hygiene (SLH) agrees to provide billing and collection for fee-for-service laboratory testing provided by the Milwaukee Health Department Laboratory.
2. SLH has a billing mechanism in place and serves as a third party collection agent for the city. This collection service saves the Health Department from creating and staffing a similar billing mechanism.
3. This contract encompasses the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Fiscal Impact

1. There is no fiscal impact associated with this resolution as costs are recovered through the billing process.
2. In 2003, approximately \$160,000 was billed through this system. The state reserves 5% of the total billed for their costs under the terms of this contract.

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