

DATE February 7, 2006

DEPARTMENT Administration

MOTION
BY COMMISSIONER Peterson

SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER Hegberg

STATE MANDATE REFORM

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates, and

WHEREAS, mandate proposals will be listed on the State Auditor's website, along with the name of the local government submitting the proposal, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of mandate reform and urges the Minnesota Legislature to give serious consideration to all proposals made by cities, townships, and counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the attached mandate proposals and directs the County Administrator to submit the listing to the State Auditor.

ATTEST:


COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR


CHAIRMAN, COUNTY BOARD

	YES	NO
HEGBERG	<u>X</u>	___
KRIESEL	<u>X</u>	___
PETERSON	<u>X</u>	___
PULKRABEK	<u>X</u>	___
STAFFORD	<u>X</u>	___

Suggested Mandates to Be Submitted to State Auditor for Consideration of Repeal or Reform

Mandate	Statute	Comments
Financial/Administrative Concerns		

Eliminate Library Maintenance of Effort	134.34	Eliminate the requirement that in order to receive state grant a county must budget for library operations an amount equal to the second prior year's level of support, unless adjusted net tax capacity decreases. Counties need the ability to respond to changing priorities and needs. When one area of the budget is off limits to reductions, other programs or services and their recipients unfairly bear a disproportionately greater share of any cutbacks when they occur.
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