

**DANE COUNTY  
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

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Sponsor: _____		Resolution No. 2014 RES-556
Vote Required: Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two-Thirds		Ordinance Amendment No. _____

**Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:**

INVESTIGATING SOLUTIONS TO RACIAL DISPARITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN THE DANE COUNTY JAIL AND THROUGHOUT DANE COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

**Policy Analysis Statement:**

Brief Description of Proposal -

Critical issues have been identified in Dane County's criminal justice system including: 1. racial disparities; 2. mental health incarceration challenges; and 3. immediate health and safety issues within the existing County jail physical plant complex. To address these concerns, funding has been provided for consultants, Mead and Hunt, to develop operational and space recommendations, an inmate disaggregation plan, macro staffing plan, operating cost recommendations, preliminary drawings for proposed short and long term recommendations, justification for recommendations, and estimated project costs for various phased projects for repair, renovation and construction.

Current Policy or Practice -

Racial disparities in Dane County are some of the highest in the nation. Data indicates that the County's criminal justice system is not working fairly for all County citizens. Addressing racial disparities will directly impact County jail space needs.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

Adopting this proposal begins to address the Sheriff's Office challenges in meeting current and future incarceration demands. The Sheriff must provide a safe and secure environment for inmates, staff, visitors, and the community. Effective supervision and management of inmates requires proper design, condition, and layout of the jail physical plant, innovative and comprehensive treatment programs, state-of-the-art diversionary measures for mentally ill arrestees, and community reentry programs.

**Fiscal Estimate:**

Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -

- No Fiscal Effect
- Results in Revenue Increase
- Results in Expenditure Increase
- Results in Revenue Decrease
- Results in Expenditure Decrease

Budget Effect (check all that apply) -

- No Budget Effect
- Increases Rev. Budget
- Increases Exp. Budget
- Decreases Rev. Budget
- Decreases Exp. Budget
- Increases Position Authority
- Decreases Position Authority

Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

**Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:**

**Expenditure/Revenue Changes:**

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital	\$479,000				Other				
Total	\$479,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:**

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