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**2018 RES-591**

**AMENDING THE 2019 OPERATING BUDGET  
TO CREATE A CONTRACT LOBBYIST LINE ITEM**

As Dane County has grown, the importance of representing the needs of county government to both state and federal lawmakers and funders has also grown. While we have a legislative lobbyist in the County Executive's Office, the demands on that position have expanded due to issues before the Legislature and intergovernmental issues, as well as the need to build relationships on the federal level. In order to provide more comprehensive representation at the Capitol, the County Board has decided to hire a contract lobbyist to provide additional capacity to represent Dane County, with a particular focus on the state budget and on Board priorities.

To effectuate this change, the County Board must amend the 2019 budget by creating a new line item for a contract lobbyist, and then transfer sufficient funds for this new purpose.

Funds in the 2019 operating budget were allocated for policy and program evaluation in the amount of \$93,700. As a result of funds carried forward from 2018, there is over \$140,000 available at this time. A transfer of \$40,000 would leave sufficient funds to complete evaluation of policy development projects during 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that new line item COBOARD-NEW "Contract Lobbyist" be created in the Office of the County Board budget as a purchase of services account, and that \$40,000 in budgeted funds will be transferred from account number COBOARD 30390 "Policy and Program Evaluation" to account number COBOARD-NEW "Contract Lobbyist".