

1 SUB ____ to 2019 RES-087 (PROPOSED-BAYRD)
2 DANE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT
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4 The Dane County Board is committed to reducing incarceration in Dane County and addressing
5 the racial disparities in our criminal justice system. The Dane County Board understands the
6 importance of keeping families together, reducing incarceration rates, eliminating racial disparity,
7 and fundamentally changing the course of the criminal justice system.
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9 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board shall work toward the elimination of
10 incarceration due to failure to pay cash bail in Dane County. The Public Protection and Judiciary
11 Committee (PP&J) shall work with the Criminal Justice Council (CJC) to evaluate individuals in
12 Dane County Jail who are there because of their inability to pay cash bail, analyzing specifically
13 the racial breakdown of the individuals being assessed bail, and then shall provide a presentation
14 of those results to the Dane County Board and other interested parties. The Chair of PP&J, as an
15 advisory member of the CJC, shall communicate committee-endorsed policy solutions to the CJC
16 that would reduce or eliminate the number of people in Dane County Jail.
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board shall allocate Board Office policy and
19 program evaluation funds to gain a comprehensive understanding of how the Dane County Drug
20 and Operating While Intoxicated courts currently are functioning, and to receive
21 recommendations for additional strategies for using these courts to improve procedural fairness,
22 reduce racial disparities in the criminal justice process, and keep more residents out of jail and
23 free of criminal records; the study shall include evidence-based recommendations that include
24 effective models, if available, for integrating these courts or similar programs within Community
25 Justice Centers. .
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the results of the Dane County Criminal Justice
28 System stress test, PP&J make recommendations to the CJC to develop a plan to decrease the
29 average daily population and length of stay in the Dane County Jail; and that the CJC is urged to
30 further analyze the stress test from a racial equity lens.
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Board recommends adding one new resident
33 voting member to the each of the three Criminal Justice Council subcommittees. Each member
34 shall have personal and/or family experience with the criminal justice system.
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that working with the CJC, the PP&J Committee review and
37 recommend a report of racial disparities at each stage of the criminal justice system that can be
38 replicated twice a year by the CJC research and innovation team, so that data on racial disparities
39 is provided on a semi-annual basis to the public and Dane County Board.
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board urges the CJC to continue to work with the
42 Department of Corrections (DOC) to support comprehensive reform on state parole and probation
43 revocation policy, including decreasing crimeless revocations and allowing individuals to be
44 released pending revocation investigation, which will greatly impact our jail population and
45 average length of stay.
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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board urges the CJC and the Criminal Justice
48 Council--Racial Disparities Subcommittee to encourage the growth of the Community Restorative
49 Court throughout Dane County, through expansion of referrals by the Dane County District
50 Attorney's Office and referrals by all police departments throughout the county. The Dane County

51 Board also urges the CJC and District Attorney's office to strongly consider expanding the crimes
52 eligible for Community Restorative Court.
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