

SUB 3 TO 2019 RES-507  
ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC PROTECTION AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
FINES AND FEES SUBCOMMITTEE

In recent years, the County Board has become increasingly concerned with the impact on low income individuals of fines and fees assessed in the civil and criminal justice systems. In the 2019 budget, the County Board eliminated the county charges for families when their child is in the secure juvenile detention facility, and the 2020 budget eliminated the fees for youth placed in post-dispositional home detention.

Rather than continue to address fees and fines one-by-one, the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee has discussed establishing a subcommittee to complete a comprehensive review of fines and fees. The purpose is to review the current fines and fees assessed in the civil, human services, and criminal justice system throughout Dane County and determine how Dane County can reduce or eliminate these fees, fines, and costs. The review would include analysis of the financial hardship and justice hardship placed on low income individuals and their families because of these fees. Finally, the subcommittee would make recommendations on approaches to mitigate the impact of these charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee Fines and Fees Subcommittee be established with 14 members:

- Presiding Dane County Circuit Court Judge or designee
- The District Attorney or designee
- The Dane County Sheriff's Office or designee
- The Public Defender or designee
- The Clerk of Courts or designee
- The Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion or designee
- An Alder from the Madison Common Council, appointed by the Common Council President
- The following members, jointly appointed by the Chair of the County Board and the Chair of the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee:
  - One county board member who serves on the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee,
  - One county board members who serves on the Health and Human Needs Committee,
  - 5 Individuals who have been impacted by fines and fees within the human services, civil justice, and/or criminal justice system; or representatives from community organizations that work directly with people impacted by fines and fees within the human services, civil justice, and/or criminal justice system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duties of the subcommittee shall be to complete a comprehensive review of the current fines and fees assessed in the civil, human services, and criminal justice system in Dane County and determine how Dane County can reduce or eliminate these fees, fines, and costs. Finally, the subcommittee shall make recommendations on approaches to mitigate the impact of these charges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make a report of findings and recommendations, to include recommendations for the 2022 county budget, to the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee and the Health and Human Needs Committee before June 15, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Corporation Counsel shall provide staff support to the subcommittee.

51 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the resident members appointed to the Public Protection and  
52 Judiciary Committee Fines and Fees Subcommittee are eligible to be compensated with per  
53 diems and mileage reimbursement at the same rate as is paid to County Board supervisors.  
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