

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: August 27, 2025

Original Fiscal Note ☒

Substitute Fiscal Note ☐

SUBJECT: A resolution supporting state legislation which would prohibit the release of 10 or more Mylar balloons into the atmosphere to protect the environment and public safety and recommending public education on the detrimental impact of balloon releases on County Parks.

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | |

Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
- A. Approval of this resolution, which supports state legislation to prohibit the release of 10 or more Mylar balloons into the atmosphere, authorizes the Office of Government Affairs to communicate the resolution's contents to the Governor, members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, and the Wisconsin Counties Association urging statewide support for this critical public safety measure. The resolution also encourages Parks Department staff to provide information to the public about the detrimental impact of balloon releases.
- B. There are no direct costs associated with this resolution. Existing staff time would be needed to communicate the contents of this resolution to the relevant state representatives and agencies, and for Parks Department staff to provide information to the public in newsletters and programs.
- C. No budgetary impacts are expected in this or subsequent years. This resolution would not authorize the expenditure of any additional funds.
- D. No assumptions were made.

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Did CBDP Review?² ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Required

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.