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3 **A RESOLUTION**

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5 Requesting the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance to conduct an  
6 analysis of Milwaukee County potentially transitioning to a biennial budget  
7 process and to provide a report to policymakers no later than the March 2024  
8 meeting cycle  
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10 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin utilizes a biennial budget process and  
11 the [2023-25 State Budget](#) was enacted into law as 2023 Wisconsin Act 19 on  
12 July 5, 2023; and  
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14 WHEREAS, 2019 Wisconsin Act 42, signed by Governor Evers in  
15 November 2019, provides Wisconsin cities and counties the option of adopting  
16 biennial budgets; and  
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18 WHEREAS, if Milwaukee County chooses to move to biennial budgeting,  
19 the County Board of Supervisors will need to adopt a resolution or enact an  
20 ordinance indicating its intent to do so; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the adoption of a biennial budget must be in an odd-  
23 numbered year for the next two fiscal years, therefore, the next opportunity will  
24 be in 2025 for the 2026 and 2027 budget years; and  
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26 WHEREAS, this would provide Milwaukee County policymakers ample  
27 time to examine the merits of moving to a biennial budgeting process and  
28 assessing the efficiencies that could result; and  
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30 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s annual budget process is extremely staff  
31 intensive and requires a large number of resources from all departments, and a  
32 biennial budget process may provide an opportunity to better focus on strategic  
33 planning and program outcomes rather than budget development; and  
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35 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of January 25,  
36 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 23-1029 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,  
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38 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
39 requests the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance to conduct an analysis  
40 of biennial budgeting and provide a report outlining the advantages and  
41 disadvantages of potentially moving to a two-year budget cycle rather than an  
42 annual budget process for consideration no later than in the March 2024 meeting  
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