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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Supporting provisions in the 2019-2021 Biennial Wisconsin State Budget or a  
7 standalone bill for full driver license access to all Wisconsin residents regardless of fines  
8 imposed or immigration status  
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11 WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin requires US citizenship or legal residence to  
12 obtain a state identification card or driver license; and  
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14 WHEREAS, in today’s society many communities lack adequate public  
15 transportation, creating barriers for people to attend to their basic needs, including:  
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- 17 • Commuting to work
- 18 • Taking children to school
- 19 • Shopping for food, clothes, and other necessities
- 20 • Going to clinics and hospitals for medical visits
- 21 • Visiting places of worship

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24 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau reported in the 2017 American  
25 Community Survey that approximately 85 percent of Milwaukee County residents  
26 regularly drove to work; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Kids Forward, formerly the Wisconsin Council on Children and  
29 Families, reports in the November 2018 Wisconsin Budget Project document, “Widen  
30 the Road: Removing Barriers to Driver License Eligibility Will Improve Safety, Support  
31 Families, and Boost Businesses,” that removing state restrictions would:  
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- 33 • Facilitate undocumented immigrants driving further to reach more distant  
34 employment locales
- 35 • Improve overall driver safety by allowing undocumented immigrants to  
36 undergo the requisite tests to obtain a license
- 37 • Lower insurance premiums statewide by approximately \$16 million via  
38 enlarging the pool of insured persons by approximately 28,000.
- 39 • Raise an additional \$2 million toward state transportation objectives from  
40 the annual vehicle registration fee

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42 WHEREAS, California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia,  
43 Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Washington, and Vermont have no driving  
44 licensure restrictions for undocumented immigrants; and

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46 WHEREAS, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, in 2017  
47 the state suspended more than 200,000 Wisconsin drivers for failing to pay fines; and

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49 WHEREAS, ensuring all Wisconsinites access to driver licenses will facilitate the  
50 identification of people for law enforcement, including for victims, witnesses, and alleged  
51 perpetrators; and

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53 WHEREAS, all residents of Wisconsin should have equal access to driver  
54 licenses; now, therefore,

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56 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County requests the Governor of Wisconsin and  
57 the state legislature include provisions in the 2019-2021 Biennial State Budget or as a  
58 standalone bill regarding:

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- 60 • Restoration of access to driver licenses for all Wisconsin residents
  - 61 regardless of immigration status
  - 62 • Cessation of suspending driver licenses for those unable to pay fines or
  - 63 minor non-driving offenses

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66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County requests the County Clerk  
67 forward copies of this resolution to the offices of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor,  
68 the Speaker of the Assembly, the Assembly Minority Leader, the Senate Majority  
69 Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, and any state legislator who represents all or part  
70 of Milwaukee County.

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

**DATE:** February 20, 2019

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** A resolution supporting provisions in the 2019-2021 Biennial Wisconsin State Budget or a standalone bill for full driver license access to all Wisconsin residents regardless of fines imposed or immigration status

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures<br>(If checked, check one of two boxes below)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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*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
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	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. <sup>1</sup> 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.
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- A. Approval of this resolution will call on the state of Wisconsin to allow Wisconsin residents who are not US citizens or legal residents to be eligible for earning a driver license; or for those unable to pay civil fines or have committed minor traffic offenses, not having their driver licenses suspended or revoked.
  - B. There are no direct costs associated with this resolution. Existing staff time would be needed to communicate the contents of the resolution to state policymakers.
  - C. No budgetary impacts are expected in this or subsequent years. The resolution would not authorize the expenditure of any additional funds.
  - D. No assumptions were made.

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Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

Did CDBP Review?<sup>2</sup>  Yes  No  Not Required

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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