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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Requesting the Department of Administrative Services – Office of Performance,
7 Strategy and Budget (DAS-PSB) work in conjunction with the Office of the Comptroller
8 to develop an informational report on the ongoing fiscal impact of the expenditure limit
9 promulgated in 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 on County Board operations and the ability of
10 the Board of Supervisors to carry out its legislative duties, by recommending

11 **REJECTION** of the following:
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14 WHEREAS, 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 (“Act 14”), enacted May 31, 2013, made
15 sweeping changes to the governance model of Milwaukee County; and
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17 WHEREAS, the state legislation, in general, reduced the authority of the
18 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and increased the authority of the Milwaukee
19 County Executive; and
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21 WHEREAS, one of the components of Act 14 imposed a strict limit on County
22 Board expenditures to a maximum of 0.4 percent of the total tax levy with limited
23 exceptions; and
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25 WHEREAS, the expenditure limit has made it increasingly difficult to absorb even
26 modest raises for County Board staff that were provided to all general County
27 employees without reducing other budget costs including staff and/or resources to allow
28 elected officials to communicate with constituents; and
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30 WHEREAS, the expenditure limit formula, which is only applied to one County
31 and one Department in the State of Wisconsin, is likely to result in more difficult
32 decisions in future budgets that may compromise the County Board’s ability to carry out
33 its legislative duties; and
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35 WHEREAS, an informational report on the ongoing fiscal impact the state-
36 imposed expenditure limit may have on future County Board departmental budgets
37 would be helpful to educate policymakers and the public on the impact it may have on
38 future operations; and
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40 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 16, 2020,
41 recommended **REJECTION** of File No. 20-523 (vote 4-2); now therefore,
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43 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Administrative Services – Office of
44 Performance, Strategy and Budget (DAS-PSB), working in conjunction with the Office of
45 the Comptroller, is requested to develop an informational report on the ongoing fiscal
46 impact of the expenditure limit on County Board operations as promulgated in 2013
47 Wisconsin Act 14; and

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the informational report is requested to be
49 provided to the County Board for consideration no later than the September 2020 cycle
50 so that policymakers and the public can better understand the fiscal constraints the
51 expenditure limit may have on future legislative branch budgets and the ability of the
52 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to carry out its legislative duties.

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