



Milwaukee County

Legislation Text

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A Resolution requesting that the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority's (SERTA) assets be distributed between Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha Counties.

by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

Requesting that the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority's (SERTA) assets be distributed between Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha Counties.

WHEREAS, the State 2011-2013 Biennial Budget proposes a 10 percent reduction in general transportation aids, which results in a \$7 million reduction to transit operating funds in Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, a \$7 million dollar reduction in operating funds would resulting approximately 100,000 less bus operating hours; and

WHEREAS, in order to absorb a reduction of this magnitude, SEWRPC has projected that these proposed transit cuts could equate to an 8-percent service reduction, or a 29-percent face increase; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday May 3, 2011, the State's Joint Finance Committee (JFC) voted to eliminate all regional transit authority's in Wisconsin by a vote of 12-4; and

WHEREAS, JFC motion #71 specified, "all assets of the RTA, including any accumulated revenues received from the vehicle rental fees imposed by the authority would be divided and distributed equally among the three counties and would become the assets of those counties, unless the counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine agree otherwise"; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) has place SERTA's assets at approximately \$1.27 million; and

WHEREAS, these revenues were generated through the imposition of a car rental fee at Milwaukee County General Mitchell international Airport; and

WHEREAS, considering these revenues were generated out of operations at the Milwaukee County General Mitchell International Airport, it is reasonable and prudent that Milwaukee County be allocated, at the minimum, revenues generated in Milwaukee County, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors request that SERTA assets be distributed between Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at a minimum, Milwaukee County requests that all

revenues generated in Milwaukee County remain in Milwaukee County unless the counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine agree otherwise.