

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BELTRAMI COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

DATE: February 21, 2006

RESOLUTION # 06-02-01

MOTION OF COMMISSIONER: Frost

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER:Heltzer

**THE BOARD, BY ADOPTION OF ITS CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED A
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2006 STATE MANDATE RELIEF, AS SUBMITTED**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates; and

WHEREAS, mandate proposals will be listed on the State Auditor's website, along with the name of the local government submitting the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of mandate reform and urges the Minnesota Legislature to give serious consideration to all proposals made by Townships, Cities, Counties and School Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following mandate relief proposals and directs the County Administrator to submit this listing to the State Auditor:

Adopted this 21st day of February, 2006

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Fairbanks	excused	
Frost	X	
Vene	X	
Heltzer	X	
Otterstad	X	

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
(SS
COUNTY OF BELTRAMI)

I, Tony Murphy, County Administrator, Beltrami County, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Beltrami County, Minnesota, at their regular session held on February 21, 2006 now on file in my office and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Tony Murphy, County Administrator

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Mandate	Statute	Rule	Comments	Additional Questions or Issues
Either Eliminate or Totally State-Fund Continued Health Insurance For Disabled Peace Officers.	299A.465		Employers are required to pay the employer share of disabled peace officers' and their dependents' health insurance until the peace officer reaches age 65 even if the officer gains other employment and health insurance coverage. Since this benefit was created in the late 1990's, there has been a surge in disability retirements. In part because of this, both employer and employee contribution rates to the PERA Police and Fire pension plan are increasing over 50%. When this benefit was originally enacted it was predicated on the state paying 100% of its costs. The state has not kept it part of that bargain for several years. If the state cannot meet that obligation, the mandated payment by the employer should be eliminated.	