

Resolution 79 - 01/03/06

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute §6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed changes to state mandates, and

WHEREAS the State Auditor has encouraged local units governments to take this opportunity to suggest improvements, and

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners supports actions which could lower costs, improve services to the public and make expenditures more accountable, and

WHEREAS a Minnesota Statute, M.S. §471.661, requires that local units of government adopt a policy regulating out-of-state travel of its elected officials, and

WHEREAS the regulation of out-of-state travel of elected officials is not a major issue in Kanabec County as it has happened just once in collective memory, and

WHEREAS the real effect of this statute is nil as it merely requires local units of government to more use more paperwork to do what they would have done in the absence of §471.661, and

WHEREAS while the legislation has no value in practice, it does require that the governing board take official review of the policy each and every year in perpetuity, which takes staff and board time as well as publishing and supply costs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners recommends that M.S. §471.661 be rescinded and forgotten.

It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution: