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DEPARTMENT Administration

MOTION
BY COMMISSIONER Peterson

SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER Hegberg

STATE MANDATE REFORM

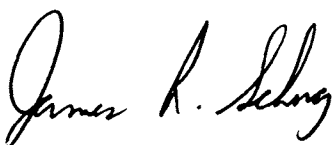
WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates, and

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 Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of mandate reform and urges the Minnesota Legislature to give serious consideration to all proposals made by cities, townships, and counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the attached mandate proposals and directs the County Administrator to submit the listing to the State Auditor.

ATTEST:


COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR


CHAIRMAN, COUNTY BOARD

	YES	NO
HEGBERG	<u>X</u>	___
KRIESEL	<u>X</u>	___
PETERSON	<u>X</u>	___
PULKRABEK	<u>X</u>	___
STAFFORD	___	<u>X</u>

Suggested Mandates to Be Submitted to State Auditor for Consideration of Repeal or Reform

Mandate	Statute	Comments
Financial/Administrative Concerns		
Eliminate Budget Appeals and Independent Spending Authority by County Elected Officials Other Than the Board of Commissioners	357.18, subd. 4; 384.151; 385.373; 386.015; 387.20; 388.18	Each of the county elected officials have statutory authority to appeal their budgets. These appeals generally occur after the county levy has been set and require both the elected official and the county to hire outside counsel. In addition, the county recorder has discretion over spending the dedicated county recorder technology fund. The county board is responsible for establishing the county's overall budget and tax levy. The board's accountability to taxpayers demands that it, and it alone, have full control over county spending decisions.

LE/O'Rourke/Mandates