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1	Council Office	04/04/2006	Fiscal Note Required / Approval	Finance Dept/Approval Group		04/05/2006	
	Notes: <i>Equal Opportunities Commission</i>						
1	COMMON COUNCIL	04/04/2006	Refer	EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION		04/06/2006	Pass
1	Finance Dept/Approval Group	04/05/2006	Approved Fiscal Note By The Comptroller's Office (AFTER CC INTRO)	Council Office		04/05/2006	
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1	Council Office	04/05/2006	Referred for Introduction			
	Notes:	<i>Equal Opportunities Commission</i>				
1	EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION	04/06/2006	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER			Pass
	Notes:	<i>Adopt & include a paragraph showing the relevance of immigration reform to the Madison community. In addition, the Commission supports the provisions of the bill found in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 under the Drafter's Analysis, but recommends that the resolution speak against paragraph (3) relative to stricter border enforcement.</i>				
2	EOC Department	04/17/2006	Fiscal Note Required / Approval	Finance Dept/Approval Group	04/17/2006	04/17/2006
2	Finance Dept/Approval Group	04/17/2006	Approved Fiscal Note By The Comptroller's Office (SUBSTITUTES)	EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION		04/17/2006
	Notes:	<i>Brasser</i>				
3	COMMON COUNCIL	04/18/2006	Adopt			Pass
	Notes:	<i>10 Registrant(s) in support not wishing to speak.</i>				

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE - Supporting passage of federal legislation providing for comprehensive immigration reform.

Body

WHEREAS, there are more than 10 million undocumented immigrants in the United States, who significantly contribute to the social, cultural and economic vibrancy of this society, and continue to be a key driving force in the US economy and the economy of Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, the importance of immigration workers to our community was demonstrated on Monday, April 10 at "The Day Without Latinos March" when an estimated 10,000 individuals marched to demonstrate their opposition to punitive immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, in this year's State of the Union Address, President Bush acknowledged that this country's economy could not function without the contributions of foreign workers, and current law only provides visas for 5,000 low-skill workers every year, which means that there is no way for many of the migrants in low-wage industries to enter the United States legally; and,

WHEREAS, undocumented workers unfortunately experience lower wages, exploitative labor practices and dangerous working conditions and live in constant fear and insecurity, and providing legal documents for honest, hardworking migrants would discourage such abuses of worker rights and human rights; and,

WHEREAS, current immigration policies unfortunately lead to the separation of families, and those being deported and separated from their families have committed no crimes except to participate in the system of undocumented labor which has been maintained for over a century in this nation with the willing participation of business, religious and community institutions and many sectors of government; and,

WHEREAS, immigration policy reform will provide a path to permanent status for current and future workers who work hard and acknowledge the part they already play in this society, and enable them to participate and contribute even more, and this country must be just and humane to newcomers while

assuring orderly immigration,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council supports passage of the "Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005," which federal legislation that would provide for workers rights and family unification; an eventual avenue to legal status for most illegal immigrants already living and working in the U.S.; a new temporary work visa enabling a wider range of migrants with job offers to enter the U.S. legally, which would belong to the worker, not the employer as part of a comprehensive immigration reform; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council stands in opposition to the "Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005", House Resolution 4437, which was passed by the House of Representatives on December 16, 2005, an immigration reform bill based on enforcement, which criminalizes immigrants already living and working in the US, harms U S businesses and communities and separates families; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Wisconsin's U S Congressional delegation.

Analysis

This resolution supports ~~passage~~ some provisions of the "Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005," U.S. Senate Bill 1033, bipartisan legislation often referred to as the McCain-Kennedy bill:

The Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005 would establish:

1. An eventual avenue to legal status and citizenship for most illegal immigrants already living and working in the U.S.
2. A new temporary work visa enabling a wider range of migrants with job offers to enter the U.S. legally, which would belong to the worker, not the employer.
3. ~~Stricter immigration enforcement, including tighter border security and a new employment verification system.~~
4. An improved family unification system, which would reduce the delays experienced by immigrants seeking to rejoin their family members in the U.S.