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**File Name:** Opposing 2015 Wisconsin AB568 and 2015 Wisconsin SB445 and similar legislation including those that would condition local designation of historically-significant property and the local regulation of such property on the consent of the owner.

**Final Action:**

**Title:** Opposing 2015 Wisconsin AB568 and 2015 Wisconsin SB445 and similar legislation including those that would condition local designation of historically-significant property and the local regulation of such property on the consent of the owner.

### Notes:

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### Text of Legislative File 41084

#### Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

**Title**

Opposing 2015 Wisconsin AB568 and 2015 Wisconsin SB445 and similar legislation including those that would condition local designation of historically-significant property and the local regulation of such property on the consent of the owner.

**Body**

WHEREAS, the Common Council recognizes that the City of Madison contains buildings, structures, signs, features, improvements, sites, and areas that have significant architectural, archaeological, anthropological, historical, and cultural value; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council further recognizes that these historic resources represent the City's unique heritage, contribute to the health, prosperity, safety and welfare of the City's residents, and serve as a source of great interest to the City's residents and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that it is in the public interest to identify, protect, preserve, promote, conserve and use historic resources within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council recently adopted a revised comprehensive historic preservation ordinance which will continue to protect the City's historic resources, assist in maintaining a high quality of life in the community, stabilize and improve property values of historic properties, contribute to the economic development of the City, and provide added assurance to property owners of historic resources that their collective values will not be diminished by insensitive alterations or demolitions; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council unanimously adopted the revised comprehensive historic preservation ordinance after a nearly two-year public process that allowed for groups interested in both historic preservation and development to provide extensive input as the ordinance was being drafted; and,

WHEREAS, at the Common Council meeting when the ordinance was adopted both historic preservation and development groups testified in support of the ordinance and encouraged its unanimous adoption and described the revised ordinance as the result of a "collaborative process"; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes historic preservation issues are best determined by individual communities across the state of Wisconsin, and that a collaborative process like the one used in Madison to create a new ordinance allows both the preservation and development community the ability to develop a fair and balanced historic preservation ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Assembly Bill 568 and Senate Bill 445 will condition local designation of historically-significant property and enforcement of any regulation of such property on the consent of the owner thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of such legislation will effectively preempt local control of historic preservation issues and deprive local property owners and developers of the ability to provide input into important historic preservation issues,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Common Council of the City of Madison opposes the enactment of 2015 Wisconsin Assembly Bill 568 and 2015 Wisconsin Senate Bill 445, or similar legislation, including those that would condition local designation of historically-significant property and the local regulation of such property on the consent of the owner thereof.



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