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| 5/25/2022 | 1 | COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | | |
| 5/24/2022 | 1 | COMMON COUNCIL | Adopt Substitute | Pass |
| 5/24/2022 | 1 | COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER | Pass |
| 5/10/2022 | 1 | COMMON COUNCIL | Refer to a future Meeting to Adopt | Pass |
| 5/5/2022 | 1 | Attorney's Office | Referred for Introduction | |

Fiscal Note

No appropriation required

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Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance prohibits public comment on agenda items at Common Council meetings when speakers will have an opportunity to provide comments at a future meeting or already have had an opportunity to present comments, except when the Council permits comments by a supermajority vote.

The substitute removes the 2/3 favorable vote, to allow for simple majority vote.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Subsection (5) of Section 2.29 entitled "Persons' Right to Address Common Council" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

- (5) No person shall be permitted to address the Council on any matter ~~when first introduced before the Common Council~~ when the matter is scheduled listed on the consent agenda to be referred and reported back at a later meeting and the Council adopts that referral as part of the consent agenda, nor when the Council has heard public comment on a matter at a previous meeting and the matter has been referred for discussion and action only. Notwithstanding this provision, the Council may allow public comment in either instance upon a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council.