



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation is required.

Title

Resolution Opposing 2011 Assembly Bill 173

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison believes that diversity and tolerance are fundamental aspects of our character, and that immigrant and minority groups provide an essential vitality to our community; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 173 would encourage and give legal cover to racial profiling, and unfairly target Latinos; and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional duty of the federal government to set and enforce the country's immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, utilizing local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws alienates minority groups, and undermines their trust in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 173 would have the effect of reducing cooperation with the police, discourage reporting crime, thus making our community less safe; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 173 is modeled after the controversial Arizona law that has prompted boycotts which have cost the state hundreds of thousands of dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Madison opposes Assembly Bill 173; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we ask the Wisconsin Legislature to oppose Assembly Bill 173; and

BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to our State Legislators, and the members of the Assembly Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.