



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The Resolution provides for the expenditure of up to \$125,000 from the City Contingent Reserve. Following adoption of this resolution, the available Contingent Reserve balance is expected to total \$821,698. There is no impact on the tax levy or State Expenditure Restraint Program eligibility limits.

Title

Issuing a Request for Proposals for a Performing Arts Study and amending the 2011 adopted City operating budget to appropriate \$125,000 from the Contingent Reserve.

Body

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2010, the Madison Common Council adopted a Structural Agreement between the City of Madison and
201 State Street; and

WHEREAS, this agreement came about after several months of discussion and information gathered by the Overture Ad Hoc Committee and the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the information provided to the Common Council did not include an in depth community study of the performing arts in Madison, surveying the needs of local performing arts groups, individual performers, arts educators audiences, and other community members as well as identifying resources available to these stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, a study of this nature has not been conducted during the twelve years that the Overture Center has been in existence and the need for a study is anticipated in the recently negotiated annual performance contract between the City of Madison and Overture Center Foundation; and

WHEREAS, gathering more complete information about these stakeholders as well as the resources available to them will assist the city in moving forward in its relationship with the Overture Center and other arts groups in Madison; and

WHEREAS, a professional consultant who is expert in the field of performing arts can undertake this study, focusing on the stakeholders' needs, and also examining funding sources, costs, staffing levels, operational effectiveness, types of bookings, and other related data at various local venues.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor's Office in cooperation with the Common Council is authorized to issue a request for proposals and to contract with a performing arts consultant to conduct an in depth analysis of performing arts in Madison and to prepare a report recommending a future strategy for the city; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the 2011 adopted City operating budget be amended to appropriate up to \$125,000 from the Contingent Reserve to fund the study.