



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation is required.

Title

Resolution Opposing 2011 Assembly Bill 286

Body

WHEREAS, finding employment is an essential step in allowing ex-offenders to successfully reenter society, and in preventing recidivism; and

WHEREAS, ex-offenders face a substantial stigma in their attempts to find employment; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 286 would provide legal sanction to the stigma and discrimination that ex-offenders already face; and

WHEREAS, current law already allows an employer to make employment decisions based on arrest and conviction records where the circumstances of the arrest or conviction substantially relate to the job; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionately large share of Wisconsin's prison population is African American and thus the negative effect of Assembly Bill 286 would disproportionately fall on African Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Madison opposes Assembly Bill 286; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we ask the Wisconsin Legislature to oppose Assembly Bill 286; and

BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to our State Legislators, and the members of the Assembly Committee on Labor and Workforce Development.