

RESOLUTION 06-063
RECOMMENDING STATE MANDATES FOR REPEAL OR REFORM

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 6.79 allows local governments to file a written resolution with the State Auditor objecting to a state mandate or making recommendations for reforming a state mandate; and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor has encouraged local governments to consider those state mandates they believe are in particular need of reform or repeal; and

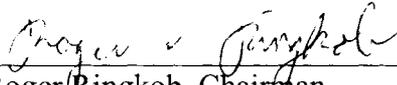
WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners has identified several state mandates that negatively impact county budget and/or services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the repeal or reform of the attached list of mandates.

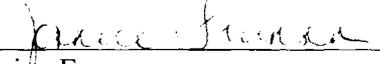
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners requests that the State Auditor post this list of mandates on her official web site, and that the State Legislature consider these mandates for repeal or reform.

Adopted this 14th Day of February, 2006

Jackson County Board of Commissioners



Roger Ringkob, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Janice Fransen,
Jackson County Coordinator

Either Eliminate or Totally State-Fund Continued Health Insurance For Disabled Peace Officers.	299A.465	Employers are required to pay the employer share of disabled peace officers' and their dependents' health insurance until the peace officer reaches age 65 even if the officer gains other employment and health insurance coverage. Since this benefit was created in the late 1990's, there has been a surge in disability retirements. In part because of this, both employer and employee contribution rates to the PERA Police and Fire pension plan are increasing over 50%. When this benefit was originally enacted it was predicated on the state paying 100% of its costs. The state has not kept it part of that bargain for several years. If the state cannot meet that obligation, the mandated payment by the employer should be eliminated.
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