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description: FM 1112 - Increase funding by $100,000 TANF annually for the Milwaukee Jobs Initiative.

other notes

drafting instructions: See above.

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description: Phase II expansion of POCAN. Provide $21. Mil annually for expansion in 20 counties and 3 tribes, provide $261,00 TANF annually for DWFS tech assistance, find a new acronym.

other notes   Modification to above: Only provide $2.1 M TANF in the second year. Don't include other points.

drafting instructions: See above and attached.

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caucus number 2105

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description: Prohibhits a W-2 agency, when calculating an individual's income, from considering the income earned from a dependant child under 18 or developementally disabled child under 23 who is attending school. See AB 128 and fiscal estimate.

other notes

drafting instructions: See above and attached

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caucus number 2756

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description: Insert into the statutes at 115.3615 that fund distributed by the state superintendent to agencies may go to serve children from families with incomes up to 165% of the federal poverty guideline. See attached language.

other notes

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Milwaukee Jobs Initiative

Increase funding by $100,000 TANF annually for the Milwaukee Jobs Initiative.

Omnibus TANF motion #1112. Background information attached.

Milwaukee Jobs Initiative (MJI)
Talking points

Budget amendment

MJI is seeking a budget amendment that would direct an additional $300,000 in TANF funds from the workforce attachment fund. (Counting the $200,000 already allocated, the total for MJI would be $500,000).

Rationale

Securing funding from the state helps MJI make the case that the project has broad local support a key factor for the Annie E. Casey Foundation's (AECF) retaining Milwaukee as one six AECF job initiative projects across the country. *AECF makes a $700,000 annual investment if there are local matching funds.* Support from state governments is especially impressive to the foundation which wants to see the lessons learned from its jobs initiative projects applied on a larger scale.

MJI also enjoys financial support from Milwaukee County, the City of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Foundation, the Helen Bader Foundation and other Milwaukee-area corporate sponsors.

What is MJI?

MJI is a multi-year effort to rebuild pathways from the central city to family-supporting jobs in the Milwaukee labor market. MJI is a non-profit organization governed by a board of directors consisting of equal representation from the *Greater Milwaukee Committee, the Milwaukee County Labor Council* and the *Campaign for a Sustainable Milwaukee.* Steve Holt is MJI's executive director.

Results

"   As of May 6, 1999, *MJI placed 456 low-income people in permanent, full-time, family-supporting jobs* paying an average wage of $11.34 an hour with access to health benefits.

"   MJI has *improved the well-being of at least 540 children* living in the households of placed participants.

"   *MJI helps to reduce long-term public assistance dependency by serving TANF-eligible families.* At the time of their enrollment in MJI, at least 51% of MJI participants were making less than 200% of the Federal poverty level. (Data current as of January 1, 1999.)

"   MJI's service to male African-American and Latino clients extends the state's anti-poverty efforts beyond the women served through W-2.

What MJI does

1. MJI trains workers for specific jobs, and organizes employers on an industry basis to identify those jobs.

2. MJI targets high wage sectors (currently MJI is working in the construction, printing and manufacturing sectors).

3. MJI brings management and labor in each industry to the table with the public training providers

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and funders (PICs. technical colleges. etc.). Employers specify emergent needs. and the skill-sets in workers they are looking to fill them.

4. MJI identifies possible candidates for the jobs. screens them. organizes trainings and facilitates other needed supports (transportation. daycare. etc.)

5. MJI then. with employer approval. places workers and supports them in retention. while working with employers to establish routines for career advancement.

More reasons to continue state support for MJI

Linda Stewart, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development says: *"We believe that MJI offers an innovative approach to secure long-lasting employment for low-income central city residents an that (MJI's) efforts are congruent with the State's W-2 program. As such, we believe that it is in the best interest of the State of Wisconsin to be in partnership with MJI..."* (August 17, 1997 letter to Rob Henken, former MJI Executive Director)

Worker-starved employers in Southeastern Wisconsin value MJI because it finds and custom-prepares people for the jobs they need filled; they also appreciate the employer-centered character of the program; this is a "public private partnership" in which the private sector clearly leads.

Labor unions back MJI because it equips people for high-wage jobs with long-term prospects, which in turn preserves standards on jobs, make good jobs more widely available; helps solve the skill shortage. It's good for incumbent union members, and future ones.

W-2 agencies in Milwaukee are increasingly looking to MJI to help them overcome barriers to placing low-income people in high-wage, high-skill industries; instead of shuffling former welfare recipients into dead-end jobs, it gives them a reach chance to place people on career paths to the middle class.

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