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— *Lee Holloway* —

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**CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY THANKS SENATOR TAYLOR FOR
REQUESTING AUDIT OF SECURED JUVENILE FACILITIES**

Escalating juvenile correctional rates now cost Milwaukee County \$100,000 per juvenile per year

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway is thanking State Senator Lena Taylor for requesting a comprehensive audit of all Department of Corrections secured juvenile facilities and the daily rates charged to counties, which have increased by 74% since 2001. Senator Taylor made the request in a letter to the Co-Chairs of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

“Senator Taylor’s call for an audit is the right thing to do. As Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, I applaud her for requesting that the State get a better handle on the escalating costs at these institutions,” Chairman Holloway said. “I thank Senator Taylor for listening to our concerns.”

“The rates charged to Wisconsin counties are astronomical,” Chairman Holloway added. “It now costs Milwaukee County almost \$100,000 per year to send just one delinquent to a secured detention facility.”

Without corresponding increases in Youth Aids from the State, Milwaukee County taxpayers are faced with an increasing burden as juvenile correctional institution rates rise. Milwaukee County will follow-up with the Co-Chairs of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, Senator Jim Sullivan and Representative Sue Jeskewitz, in support of this request.

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