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More Voices Present in Police Chief Selection

MADISON, WI - State Representative David Crowley (D-Milwaukee), Chair of the Milwaukee Legislative Caucus, issued the following statement today following the unveiling of LRB-3371/P1, a bill requiring common council confirmation of the selection of a police chief in a 1st class city.

“When there are concerns regarding public safety in the City of Milwaukee, not only the Police Chief and Mayor face criticism but also the members of the Common Council. The goal of this legislation is not to undermine the authority of the Police and Fire Commission or politicize the selection process, but to offer greater transparency to the community and shared responsibility among officials. The process of filling a position as important as Chief of Police demands the input of Milwaukee’s elected and multiple branches of government. This bill looks to divide the responsibility of Chief of Police selection and offer accountability to Milwaukee’s Common Council in addition to the board of the Police and Fire Commission.”

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