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1 STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2018-0275, VERSION 1

2 On page 1, beginning on line 4, strike everything through page 7, line 137, and insert:

3 "WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of exploitation in which people and
4 groups profit from the control of others, and

5 WHEREAS, as defined under state and federal law, victims of human trafficking
6 include children involved in commercial sex trade, adults age eighteen or over who are
7 forced, coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts and anyone forced into different
8 forms of "labor or services," such as domestic workers held in a home or farm workers
9 forced to labor against their will, and

10 WHEREAS, human trafficking is considered to be one of the fastest growing
11 criminal industries worldwide, and an ongoing problem in the Puget Sound region, and

12 WHEREAS, King County has long been a hotspot in the international trafficking
13 of persons, due to our region's proximity to ports, major agricultural industry, shared
14 international border with Canada, Sea-Tac International Airport and access to Interstate 5
15 along the Pacific coast states from Mexico, and

16 WHEREAS, Washington has been a national leader since 2002 in enacting state
17 laws to combat human trafficking in all its forms. Washington was the first state to
18 criminalize human trafficking, in 2003 and has since passed over forty laws addressing

19 aspects of trafficking, such as labor trafficking, bride trafficking, stiffer penalties for
20 commercial sexual abuse of minors and required training for teachers on how to
21 recognize and prevent sexual abuse and exploitation of minors, and

22 WHEREAS, in 2013 the Washington state Legislature established both the
23 Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Statewide Coordinating Committee to
24 recommend ways to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children and the
25 Statewide Coordinating Committee on Sex Trafficking to oversee the distribution of
26 funds collected from trafficking crimes to services for victims and survivors of the sex
27 trade, and

28 WHEREAS, in 2015 the Washington state Legislature reestablished and
29 strengthened the Washington State Task Force on the Trafficking of Persons and
30 authorized the Department of Commerce Office of Crime Victims Advocacy to develop
31 and maintain an information clearinghouse to share and coordinate statewide efforts to
32 combat the trafficking of persons and provide training for law enforcement, prosecutors
33 and court personnel on Washington's antitrafficking laws and the investigation and
34 adjudication of sex trafficking, and

35 WHEREAS, grants from the Department of Commerce Office of Crime Victims
36 Advocacy support direct service to individuals impacted by human trafficking,
37 individuals at risk and outreach aimed at lowering barriers to services and increasing
38 access, and

39 WHEREAS, since human trafficking is a clandestine crime that thrives on secrecy
40 and on the social and physical isolation of its victims and survivors, making identification
41 of victims, survivors, traffickers and their networks extremely challenging, and

42 WHEREAS, experts, community organizations and nonprofit organizations
43 recommend strategies such as educating Washington communities about human
44 trafficking, providing resources to implement antitrafficking strategies and helping
45 victims escape their situations, and

46 WHEREAS, one significant tool for bringing human trafficking into the open is
47 utilizing the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline that connects callers,
48 law enforcement, services and information about the crime of human trafficking, and

49 WHEREAS, posting information on human trafficking and hotline phone
50 numbers in high visibility locations increases awareness and the chances that incidents of
51 human trafficking will be reported, victims will be identified and provided access to
52 services and traffickers will be prosecuted, and

53 WHEREAS, it is recommended that information and hotline phone numbers
54 should be posted in venues, such as truck stops, bus stations, transit or train stations,
55 airports, rest stops, hotels, motels, clubs, bars, farms, schools, colleges, universities,
56 hospitals, clinics, jails, police stations and shelters, in an effort to target locations where
57 trafficking victims and survivors may see the information, and

58 WHEREAS, for victims and survivors of human trafficking, the public posting of
59 information and hotline phone numbers in locations where the information may be seen is
60 critical, as they might not otherwise have access to the Internet or to other forms of
61 community-based outreach and awareness programs, and

62 WHEREAS, for community members, calls to the hotline often generate future
63 tips and a better understanding of the red-flag indicators of human trafficking, and

64 WHEREAS, in 2010 the Washington state Legislature authorized antitrafficking

65 posters to be placed in each Department of Transportation rest stop. In 2015, the
66 Legislature built on the success of the rest stop posters by authorizing the Department of
67 Commerce Office of Crime Victims Assistance to work with the business community and
68 with antitrafficking stakeholders to develop new antitrafficking notices that will be
69 available to any business that has a public restroom, and

70 WHEREAS, in 2013 and 2015 King County in collaboration with community
71 partners conducted a public campaign to raise awareness on human trafficking, using
72 advertisements on Metro buses, billboards, radio and television designed to educate the
73 public and inform victims and survivors that assistance is available, and

74 WHEREAS, during the King County public outreach campaigns, the number of
75 calls to the National Hotline from Washington increased significantly, and

76 WHEREAS, the city of Seattle is committed to ending human trafficking. The
77 Seattle Police Department has a full-time human trafficking investigator and part-time
78 civilian employee to respond to and investigates complaints of human trafficking. The
79 commander of this detail is co-chair of the Washington Advisory Committee on
80 Trafficking, and

81 WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle has long been active on efforts to combat human
82 trafficking taking place at its facilities and throughout the region, and whereas the Port of
83 Seattle Commission on January 9, 2018, passed a motion directing staff to implement a
84 new comprehensive, Port-wide antitrafficking strategy that includes, among other tactics,
85 the development of a trafficking awareness campaign, and

86 WHEREAS, many of the successful strategies from earlier public awareness
87 campaigns can be deployed again, and

88 WHEREAS, the region grew by 86,320 people from 2015 to 2016, the biggest
89 population gain in the century and the highest growth rate in the past twenty years, and

90 WHEREAS, the region's population is expected to continue to experience
91 significant growth which is likely to increase demand for human trafficking, and

92 WHEREAS, a combined outreach campaign among the city of Seattle, the Port of
93 Seattle and King County would leverage the expansive community connections of all
94 three jurisdictions to significantly expand the reach of the public awareness campaign and
95 maximize efficient use of public resources;

96 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

97 A. The executive is requested to convene a workgroup to implement a Stop
98 Human Trafficking public awareness campaign. The workgroup shall be convened by
99 September 10, 2018, and jointly led by staff from the city of Seattle, the Port of Seattle,
100 King County and subject matter experts. For King County, the workgroup shall include
101 staff from public health Seattle and King County, the transit division, the department of
102 community and human services, the prosecutor's office and the sheriff's office.

103 B. The public awareness campaign shall have three goals:

104 1. Raise public awareness about the nature of human trafficking, how and where
105 it occurs locally, and how to prevent and stop it;

106 2. Help identify victims and survivors and promote access to services; and

107 3. Decrease demand through awareness.

108 C. The campaign shall focus placement of human trafficking public awareness
109 materials in city of Seattle, the Port of Seattle and King County facilities, and other
110 locations where public awareness of human trafficking may have the greatest impact.

111 D. The workgroup shall consider opportunities to distribute information through
112 city of Seattle, the Port of Seattle and King County websites and social media accounts.

113 E. The workgroup shall seek to use public service advertising resources for
114 placement of human trafficking awareness materials on city of Seattle, King County and
115 Sound Transit buses, light rail, commuter rail, trolleys, street cars and transit centers and
116 stations where public awareness of human trafficking may have the greatest impact.

117 F. The workgroup shall to the extent feasible use successful strategies from the
118 2013 and 2015 outreach campaigns and utilize existing anti-human-trafficking outreach
119 materials, to the extent that is legally permissible.

120 G. The selection and placement of the materials should be done in collaboration
121 with subject matter experts. The following departments and divisions from King County
122 shall participate: the transit division; the department of community and human services;
123 and public health - Seattle & King County. The King County prosecutor's office and the
124 King County superior court are encouraged to participate.

125 H. The workgroup shall explore partnership opportunities with public and private
126 entities external to the city of Seattle, the Port of Seattle and King County for posting
127 trafficking public awareness materials in locations where trafficked individuals and the
128 public may see the information, including, but not limited to, hospitals, schools,
129 community health clinics, shelters and along major thoroughfares.

130 I. The human trafficking public information materials used in the campaign shall
131 be accessible in multiple languages and should include contact information for the
132 National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline.

133 J. The executive is requested to transmit to the council by September 21, 2019, a

134 list of the facilities that displayed the materials and their locations throughout King
135 County and the electronic outreach done as part of the human trafficking public
136 awareness strategy, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy filed with the
137 clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all
138 councilmembers."

139 **EFFECT: Adds the terms "survivors" throughout the motion. Adds a reference to**
140 **the statewide Washington State Task Force on the Trafficking of Persons.**