

Dembowski moved Amendment 3.
The motion carried.

September 23, 2025

External oversight functions exploration

[M. Leskinen]

Sponsor: Dembowski

Proposed No.: 2025-0266.1

3 TO S1

AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE

2025-0266, VERSION 1

On page 11, after line 238, insert:

"SECTION 6. A. To aid in supporting the department of community and human services's commitment to fiscal accountability and safeguarding public resources, the King County auditor's office, in collaboration with the King County ombuds, is requested to provide a written report to the council that includes, but is not limited to the following information:

1. Analysis on the feasibility of, and anticipated timeline, recommended structure and powers, and associated costs for, adding an inspector general position or positions within the auditor's office, or within a department outside of the department of community and human services, who would be responsible for auditing, investigating, and receiving public concerns and complaints of suspected contracting agency fraud, waste, or abuse of county-administered moneys;

2. Analysis of the feasibility of, and anticipated timeline and associated costs for, creating a qui tam program relating to department of community and human services-administered moneys that is administered within or external to the auditor's office; and

18 3. Analysis of the feasibility of, and anticipated timeline and associated costs
19 for, creating an independent contract review process for department of community and
20 human services-administered contracts that are administered within or external to the
21 auditor's office.

22 B. Where warranted, analysis included in the report requested by subsection A. of
23 this section may recommend that new functions, positions, programs and reviews not be
24 limited in scope to the department of community and human services.

25 C. The report requested by subsection A. of this section should be electronically
26 provided to the clerk of the King County council by June 1, 2026, with a status report
27 provided by March 1, 2026, who shall retain a copy and provide an electronic copy to all
28 councilmembers."

29 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal references
30 accordingly.

31 **EFFECT prepared by M. Leskinen: *Would request the King County Auditor's Office***
32 ***to provide a report to the Council by June 1, 2026 (with a status update provided by***
33 ***March 1, 2026), that explores the feasibility of creating independent audit and review***
34 ***functions for DCHS-administered contracts.***