



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

August 4, 2008

Motion 12837

Proposed No. 2008-0352.2

Sponsors Phillips and Lambert

1 A MOTION encouraging the formation of, training for and
2 investment in green collar jobs.

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4 WHEREAS, there is an increasing awareness among individuals, businesses,
5 labor unions, nonprofit agencies and governments that it is good public policy and good
6 economic policy to promote the use of environmentally preferable goods and services,
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8 WHEREAS, new industries are emerging to meet the demand for environmentally
9 preferable goods and services, and

10 WHEREAS, traditional industries are changing their practices to meet the demand
11 for environmentally preferable goods and services, and

12 WHEREAS, the participants in the Prosperity Partnership have identified the
13 Clean Technology Cluster as an economic development strategy that will promote what
14 are becoming known as "green-collar jobs," and

15 WHEREAS, vocational schools, state-approved joint apprenticeship programs,
16 community colleges and universities are developing new curricula to train the workforce

17 that is needed to meet the labor force demand for green-collar jobs in new and traditional
18 industries, and

19 WHEREAS, in the process of training workers for these green-collar jobs it is
20 also possible and desirable to pursue equity and social justice goals by recruiting low-
21 income and historically disadvantaged groups and individuals for training, and

22 WHEREAS, promoting green collar jobs is a specialized form of economic
23 development, and as such requires collaboration with business representatives from
24 industry sectors related to clean technology, labor unions representing workers in those
25 industries or labor affiliates administering state-approved joint apprenticeship programs
26 or labor-management partnership programs that train workers for these industries,,
27 educational institutions, nonprofit agencies and various levels of governments;

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

29 A. King County commits to continuing and expanding its efforts to create and
30 support green-collar jobs by:

- 31 1. Constructing buildings that meet LEED standards;
- 32 2. Purchasing environmentally preferable products;
- 33 3. Prohibiting the expenditure of county funds, with very limited exceptions, to
34 purchase individual-serving bottles of water; and
- 35 4. Using alternatives to fossil fuels when the use of such fuels does not create
36 unintended negative consequences.

37 B. The council encourages the executive to engage the King County Jobs
38 Initiative in the Clean Technology Cluster by:

39 1. Dedicating a portion of its funding to train low-income individuals for high-
40 wage occupations or occupations that are part of career pathways to high-wage jobs,
41 within relevant clean technology sectors;

42 2. Collaborating with enterpriseSeattle, the Joint Apprenticeship training
43 Council, pre-apprenticeship programs, and private employers to identify the current skill
44 requirements for entry-level green jobs that are high-wage occupations, or are part of
45 career pathways to high-wage occupations;

46 3. Working with the Workforce Development Council to identify additional
47 resources for entry-level green collar jobs with pathways to high-wage jobs, within
48 relevant industry sectors;

49 4. Collaborating with vocational schools, community colleges and other training
50 providers to develop short-term, pilot curriculum for entry-level jobs;

51 5. Including incumbents and graduates of green-job training programs as
52 workers on King County-funded projects, where appropriate, through the use of
53 apprenticeship utilization standards, on-the-job training, and other tools that connect
54 training to work and demonstrate King County's commitment to expanding high-wage
55 career opportunities in the an technology industries, and

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57 6. Evaluating the effectiveness and appropriateness of pilot training programs for
58 green-collar jobs that may be undertaken.

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Motion 12837 was introduced on 6/30/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/4/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None