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The Honorable Larry Gossett
Chair, King County Council
Room 12
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Dear Councilmember Gossett:

Ordinance 15652 requires the Executive to submit a report to the council in accordance to the following budget proviso:

Section 83: PUBLIC HEALTH, P1 PROVIDED THAT:

“Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive submits a report to the council with recommendations on the medical examiner. The report shall examine the historic and projected workload of the office of the medical examiner in comparison to professional standards and other comparable metropolitan areas. The report shall include recommended staff and funding levels that would allow the office of the medical examiner to fulfill its mandatory responsibilities, provide excellent customer service to the criminal justice system and the public at large and ensure compliance with professional standards.

The executive shall file the report by March 15, 2007, in the form of 12 copies with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember and to the lead staff of the board of health and the law, justice and human services committee, or their successors.”

The package I am transmitting to you today includes a report and recommendations to address the above requirements of the proviso.

Staffing needs within the King County Medical Examiner’s Office will be reviewed in the 2008 budget process. This analysis will include careful review of forecasting methodologies used to assess out-year needs and consideration of various alternative resolutions. The Office of Management and Budget will work with the department to review historical funding levels and needs for pathologist staffing and non-pathologist staffing.



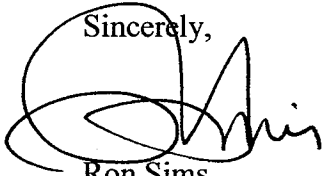
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Thank you for your consideration of the proviso response. We look forward to discussing these materials with you. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Cowan, Director, Office of Management and Budget, at 206-296-3434.

Sincerely,



Ron Sims
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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