



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance 19383

Proposed No. 2021-0426.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the creation of criminal court
 2 commissioner positions for the King County superior court;
 3 amending Ordinance 16819, Section 2, and adding a new
 4 section to K.C.C. chapter 2.69.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

6 1. The metropolitan King County council approved the creation of
 7 criminal court commissioners through Ordinance 16819, restricting
 8 criminal court commissioner appointments to existing authorized family
 9 law and mental health commissioners.

10 2. King County council made a supplemental appropriation through
 11 Ordinance 19319 for a project to reduce the criminal backlog existing in
 12 superior court, as a result of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and for
 13 the superior court to conduct resentencing hearings and to vacate of
 14 criminal convictions under State v. Blake, 197 Wn.2d 170 (2021). The
 15 superior court budget includes appropriations for term-limited temporary
 16 judicial officials, who are not existing superior court appointed family law
 17 or mental health commissioners, with experience in criminal law to assist
 18 the superior court in disposing of adult criminal cases, including to hear
 19 pleas and other non-trial matters and to allow a special criminal

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20 commissioner for resentencing hearings and to vacate matters falling
21 under the State v. Blake decision.

22 3. Under RCW 2.24.010, King County superior court requests that the
23 King County council remove the restriction of only hiring and appointing
24 criminal commissioners from existing county family law or mental health
25 commissioners for the purpose of the appropriated projects referenced in
26 subsection 2. of this section.

27 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

28 SECTION 1. Ordinance 16819, Section 2, as amended, is hereby codified as a
29 new section in K.C.C. chapter 2.69.

30 SECTION 2. Ordinance 16819, Section 2, is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 ~~((By this ordinance, t))~~The county legislative authority approves the creation of
32 criminal court commissioner positions, which functions shall be performed by existing
33 authorized family law and mental health commissioners to assist the superior court in
34 disposing of adult criminal matters, as authorized by RCW 2.24.010. Superior court is
35 hereby authorized to hire criminal commissioners solely for the purposes of the backlog
36 reduction project and the State v. Blake, 197 Wn.2d 170 (2021), decision workload; those

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- 37 commissioners may be hired in addition to existing employed family law and mental
38 health commissioner employees.

Ordinance 19383 was introduced on 11/9/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/14/2021, by the following vote:

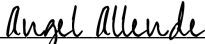
Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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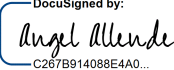
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