



Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

July 24, 2017

Motion

Proposed No. 2017-0231.1

Sponsors Balducci, McDermott, Upthegrove
and von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION directing legislative department staff to
2 prepare a report, in consultation with all councilmembers
3 and the executive branch that provides strategies for how
4 King County can engage stakeholders in a public process to
5 determine how to use proceeds from Sound Transit 3 in the
6 Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account.

7 WHEREAS, the Washington state Legislature amended chapter 81.112 RCW via
8 Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987 in 2015 to create the Puget Sound taxpayer
9 accountability account, and

10 WHEREAS, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account is to be funded by a
11 sales and use tax offset fee of three and twenty-five one-hundredths percent of the total
12 payments made by a regional transit authority to construction contractors on construction
13 projects that are: (a) for new projects identified in the system plan funded by any
14 proposition approved by voters after January 1, 2015; and (b) excluded from the
15 definition of retail sales under RCW 82.04.050(10), and

16 WHEREAS, on June 23, 2016, the Sound Transit board adopted the Sound
17 Transit 3 ballot measure and placed it on the November 1, 2016, election, and

18 WHEREAS, voters in the Sound Transit regional transit authority, which includes
19 parts of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, approved the ballot measure by a margin

20 of fifty-four percent to forty-six percent, and

21 WHEREAS, between 2018 and 2035, King County is currently projected to
22 receive approximately three hundred forty-five million dollars, and

23 WHEREAS, the proceeds are required to be used for a broad array of educational
24 services to educational outcomes in early learning, K-12 and higher education, including,
25 but not limited to, for youths who are low-income, homeless, in foster care or other
26 vulnerable populations, and

27 WHEREAS, to the greatest extent practicable, the expenditures of the county
28 must follow the requirements of the Sound Transit subarea equity policy, and

29 WHEREAS, the proceeds may only be spent after the Washington state
30 Legislature appropriates them;

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

32 A. Legislative department staff are directed to prepare a report that describes:

33 1. The intent of the state Legislature in adopting Second Engrossed Substitute
34 Senate Bill 5987 to include a review of legislative history and, if necessary to clarify
35 intent, based on consultation with elected legislators and staff;

36 2. Allowable uses for the King County portion of the proceeds; and

37 3. Strategies for how King County can identify unmet needs and how the funds
38 can be used to meet those needs, including approaches to engage stakeholders and the
39 public in this analysis.

40 B. In preparing the report, legislative department staff shall consult with and
41 include input from councilmembers and the executive branch, including documenting
42 work completed and public input received by executive staff.

43 C. The report shall be delivered no later than October 1, 2017.

44 D. The report shall be filed in the form of ten original copies and an electronic
45 copy with the clerk of the council who will retain an original and provide a copy to all
46 councilmembers and the lead staff to the committee of the whole or its successor.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None