KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15883

Proposed No. 2021-0181.1 **Sponsors** Dunn A MOTION relating to secure medicine return in King 1 County and a one-week council communications campaign 2 to increase awareness about the availability of the secure 3 4 medicine return mail back program. WHEREAS, in June 2013 the King County board of health passed Rule and 5 Regulation BOH 13-03 establishing permanent secure medicine return program in an 6 7 effort to protect and preserve the public health of King County residents by getting excess prescription opioids and other medications out of the household so they cannot be 8 9 misused, and 10 WHEREAS, King County partners including the hazardous waste management program, the department of community and human services, public health - Seattle & 11 King County and the Washington Poison Center collaborated on the "Don't Hang on to 12 Meds" campaign, and 13 WHEREAS, since 2013, King County has exceeded the number of required take-14 15 back locations than required by law, and WHEREAS, as a result, there are one hundred ninety-four free and confidential 16 medicine return drop-box locations available in King County that accept unwanted 17 18 medicines from households in easily accessible locations such as participating retail and 19 in-store pharmacies, clinic and hospital pharmacies and law enforcement offices, and

WHEREAS, according to the Journal of the American Academy of Child and
Adolescent Psychiatry and eighty studies on the topic, social isolation and loneliness,
such as that caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic,
significantly increase the risk of depression and anxiety in previously healthy children
and adolescents, and
WHEREAS, a 2014 study done by the University of Southern California of four
hundred seventy-six adolescents, with the mean age of fourteen years old, concluded that
depression levels directly associated with an increased likelihood of a lifetime use of
inhalants, prescription pain killers and many other substances, and
WHEREAS, in a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention in June 2020, 13.3 percent of respondents reported having started or increased
their substance use to cope with stress or emotions related to COVID-19, and
WHEREAS, with the increase in substance use during the COVID-19 pandemic
the secure medicine return program, including the mail-back envelope option, is more
relevant than ever in King County, and
WHEREAS, in November 2021 the Washington state Department of Health will
assume control of the secure medicine return program and make it available statewide,
and
WHEREAS, the King County council expresses pride in the work of the King
County hazardous waste management program, public health - Seattle & King County,
and all the departments that have contributed to the highly successful secure medicine
return program;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

43	A. King County council central communications and external relations staff are
44	requested to develop a communications campaign to:
45	1. Raise awareness of the 1-844-633-7765 phone number by which residents
46	can request a mail-back envelope to securely return medicines; and
47	2. The upcoming transition of the King County Secure Medicine Return
48	program to the Washington state Department of Health the fall of 2021.
49	B. Council central communications and external relations staff are requested to
50	collaborate with the King County hazardous waste management program and public
51	health - Seattle & King County to ensure messaging is consistent with current strategies
52	around the secure medicine return program and the roles and responsibilities of the
53	county, state and industry. The campaign shall include at a minimum:
54	1. A press strategy to raise awareness of the program; and
55	2. Materials for councilmembers to share on social media and in constituent
56	emails newsletters.
57	C. Councilmembers may voluntarily communicate the information about access

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- to mail-back envelopes in order to increase awareness about secure medicine return in
- 59 King County.

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Motion 15883 was introduced on 4/27/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/25/2021, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

No: 1 - Mr. McDermott

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