



## Legislation Text

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A MOTION accepting the report formats for a King County scorecard and an annual state of King County report.

WHEREAS, government exists to serve its citizens, and

WHEREAS, citizens have the right to understand how well their government operates and if their tax dollars are being spent efficiently and effectively, and

WHEREAS, governments have the responsibility to provide that information in an easily understandable and accessible way, and

WHEREAS, King County is a national leader in public performance reporting, winning awards for King County AIMs High: Annual Indicators and Measures and a Government Performance Reporting Trailblazer Grant from the National Center for Civic Innovation, and

WHEREAS, King County has for twenty-six consecutive years received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and an award winning Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is a prerequisite for applying to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Awards Program, and

WHEREAS, Motion 12791 requested the county executive to transmit to the council by July 1, 2009, the report formats for the King County Scorecard and the State of King County Government. On August 14, 2008, the county executive sent a letter to the chair of the King County council requesting an extension to the transmittal date to September 15, 2008, in order to work with graphics staff, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of King County to make county revenue, expenditure and performance

information as open, transparent and publicly accessible as is feasible. Increasing the ease of public access to county budget and actual data, particularly where the data are currently available from disparate internal county governmental sources but are difficult for the public to collect and efficiently aggregate, significantly contributes to governmental accountability, public participation, agency efficiency and open government;

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

A. The county council accepts the format for an annual King County scorecard, which is Attachment A to this motion.

B. The county council accepts the format for an annual state of King County report, which is Attachment B to this motion.

C. The State of King County Government Report will be prepared by July 30 of each year to allow for consistent reporting with actual financial data as presented in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

D. The finance and business operations division of the department of executive services will participate in the Government Finance Officers Association's Popular Annual Financial Reporting Awards Program with the goal of achieving a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting program in 2009.

E. The county executive is requested include a general customer service phone number in this year's King County scorecard and state of King County reports for county residents to call if they have questions on county services.

F. The county executive is requested to report King County performance on improving equity and social justice in the King County scorecard and state of King County reports beginning in 2009 and thereafter.

G. The county executive is requested to order county service categories in the King County scorecard and state of King County reports produced in 2009 and thereafter

by the county priorities developed collaboratively by elected officials in 2009 and thereafter.