



## Legislation Text

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A MOTION acknowledged the assessment report and implementation plans on the integration of the departments of community and human services and public health - Seattle and King County called for in the 2013 Budget Ordinance 17476, Section 19, Proviso P6; and authorizing the release of \$125,000 to the office of performance, strategy and budget.

WHEREAS, the 2013 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17476, contains a proviso in Section 19, stating that \$125,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits an assessment report and implementation plans on the integration of the departments of community and human services and public health - Seattle and King County and a motion that acknowledges receipt of the assessment report and implementation plans and the motion is passed by the council, and

WHEREAS, King County government has a strong health and human service system at the government and community levels, with the department of community and human services and public health - Seattle and King County committed to continual improvement in the performance, quality, efficiency and effectiveness of their functions, and

WHEREAS, the council recognizes that significant changes in health and human services policies, service delivery and payments at the state and national levels present opportunities to improve how King County can produce a better experience of health and human services for individuals, better outcomes for the population and lowered or controlled costs, and

WHEREAS, the attached proviso report concludes that in order for the optimal delivery of services to

the public in the most accountable, efficient, and transparent to occur, integration of King County health and human services departments must occur in alignment with Motion 13768, which directs the departments of community and human services and public health - Seattle and King County to develop, with involvement and input by stakeholders and community organizations, a plan for an "accountable, integrated system of health, human services and community-based prevention" in King County, and

WHEREAS, the executive's report called for by Motion 13768 states that to improve health and well-being and create conditions that allow residents of King County to achieve their full potential, improved performance of the system is needed at two levels: the individual and family level; and the community level, and

WHEREAS, the attached report includes options for King County government to better integrate to implement the strategies included in the Motion 13768 response, including an option for better coordination between the departments and an option for a full merger of the departments, and

WHEREAS, the response to the attached report also includes an analysis of current collaborations between the two departments; staff, stakeholder, partner and funder implications of integrating services in different organizational structures; cost impacts; and opportunities for greater efficiencies, and

WHEREAS, the King County executive has transmitted to the King County council the requested report, and

WHEREAS, the King County council has reviewed the report developed by the department of community and human services, public health - Seattle & King County and the office of performance, strategy and budget;

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

The proviso response is hereby acknowledged and the \$125,000 currently held in reserve in Ordinance 17476, Section 19, Proviso P6, is hereby released.