



Legislation Text

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A MOTION directing the executive and the county's criminal justice agencies to develop priorities, state legislative agendas, financial plans and budgets that sustain the positive results of Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan implementation.

WHEREAS, in June 2000, the council adopted the Phase II Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan that recommended making system changes that would eliminate the need to build eighty new juvenile detention beds at a cost of at least \$6.8 million plus annual operational costs in the millions of dollars, and

WHEREAS, most of the system efficiencies and alternative intervention and prevention strategies recommended in the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan have been implemented, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan recommendations has not only eliminated the need to build new detention beds but has resulted in an over-forty-percent reduction in the use of secure detention for juveniles and a thirty percent reduction in community supervision caseloads, and

WHEREAS, the reductions in secure detention and community supervision have resulted in an annual operational savings of over \$3 million of current expense funding for detention and court services as well as other savings for the prosecuting attorney and public defense, and

WHEREAS, many of the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan initiatives for intervention and prevention alternatives have been funded with one-time grants or other time-limited sources of funding rather than from operational savings, and

WHEREAS, Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan savings have helped reduce the impact of the

county's current expense budget deficit, thus benefiting all county criminal justice agencies and other current expense departments, and

WHEREAS the lack of sustained funding for most of the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan intervention and prevention initiatives puts the achieved current expense savings in jeopardy;

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

The executive and the county's criminal justice agencies are, hereby, directed to:

A. Review the existing Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan system efficiencies and initiatives related to intervention and prevention that are at risk for losing non-current expense funding over the next three years and establish priorities for the continuation of these programs;

B. Develop appropriate state legislative agenda recommendations to support the priorities established in subsection A. of this motion; and

C. Develop financial plans and budgets that sustain the positive results of Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan implementation.