



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE adopting the Pandemic Flu Influenza Response Plan as required by Ordinance 15348.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Recognizing the need for the county to be prepared for the possibility of an influenza pandemic, the King County executive transmitted in October 2005 an ordinance proposing \$5.96 million to support pandemic flu preparedness.
2. In December 2005, the King County council adopted Ordinance 15348 appropriating the funds proposed by the executive for the purchase of antiviral medications, the development of public information and outreach campaigns and the development of a medical surge plan.
3. In Ordinance 15348, the council included a statement of facts regarding pandemic influenza, the current pandemic concern, and the county's responsibilities in preparing for a possible influenza pandemic.
4. In Ordinance 15348, the council included a proviso requiring that the executive, in collaboration with the office of emergency management and the department of public health, transmit for the council's review and approval by ordinance a cohesive and detailed pandemic influenza response plan for the county, including continuity of operations planning for essential government services and preparedness plans for county employees.
5. Attachment A to this ordinance, the King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, fulfills the requirements of the proviso, represents the work of all county agencies and branches of government, and is the first major milestone in the county's ongoing pandemic flu planning.

6. The King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan addresses the county's regional roles as emergency management coordinator and public health provider, governmental service provider and large employer.

7. The executive has also transmitted and the council approved Ordinance _____ (Proposed Ordinance 2006-0257), carrying over to 2006 the \$5.96 million appropriated in 2005 to support the King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan. The ordinance includes a proviso requiring the executive to transmit by February 1, 2007, for the council's review and approval an updated King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan reflecting the next steps in the planning process.

8. The King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, the continued planning efforts, and the supporting appropriations place the county at the forefront of regional pandemic flu disaster planning among local jurisdictions across the nation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby adopted and approved.