



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the financial savings or policy advantages gained by insourcing solid waste recyclables hauling work; and amending the 2007 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 15652, Section 92, as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY

SECTION 1. Ordinance 15652, Section 92, as amended, is hereby amended to delete the following:

SOLID WASTE - From the solid waste fund there is hereby appropriated to:

Solid waste	\$101,237,406
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The maximum number of FTEs for solid waste shall be:	422.85
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ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall solely be expended to coordinate the preparation of study by an independent consultant, which shall include recommendations on the feasibility of a waste-to-energy strategy for disposal of the county's mixed municipal waste stream, or a portion thereof. The selected contractor must have national and international experience in conducting reviews of waste-to-energy technologies.

The study shall include a review of: (1) the state of current waste-to-energy technology including environmental impacts effects on global warming and Kyoto Treaty compliance; (2) the costs of design, engineering and construction of a waste-to-energy facility sized and designed to address King County's waste stream or a portion thereof; (3) the annual operational costs of such a facility and the estimated retail cost of energy produced; (4) the market for energy at the projected costs; (5) the required transfer station collection/transportation infrastructure; (6) the projected volume and methodology for disposal of ash

byproduct; (7) an analysis of the utilization of waste-to-energy facilities elsewhere in the world; and (8) strategies for addressing concerns regarding public support and acceptance.

The division will invite and incorporate recommendations from the metropolitan solid waste management advisory committee and the solid waste advisory committee into the preparation the request for proposals. Upon completion of the draft study, the council, the metropolitan solid waste management advisory committee and the solid waste advisory committee will also receive a draft. The reviewers from the advisory committees will be invited to comment on the draft or attach an addendum before the final report is transmitted to the county council.

The study required by this proviso shall be filed by July 31, 2007, and must be filed in the form of 11 copies with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember and to the lead staff for the growth management and natural resources committee, or its successor.

~~((P1 PROVIDED THAT:~~

~~Of this appropriation, \$540,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the council adopts by motion a report and recommendations submitted by the executive on the financial savings or policy advantages gained by insourcing of solid waste recyclable hauling work currently provided by third-party vendors. The report shall discuss alternatives to insourcing and shall include a five-year projection of insourcing-related program costs, including vehicle replacement plans, estimated employee escalation costs and other costs associated with absorbing this body of work and a five-year projection of the impact of those program costs on solid waste disposal fees.~~

~~The proposed motion, report and recommendations required to be submitted by this proviso shall be filed by March 31, 2007, and must be filed in the form of 12 copies with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember and to the lead staff for the growth management and natural resources committee and the operating budget committee, or their successors.))~~

P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

The executive shall create a reserve in the amount of \$2,000,000 in the solid waste fund financial plan. The purpose of this reserve is to support the analysis of converting natural gas fired steam plants to plants fired by wood debris, which historically has been disposed of in county landfill.

The executive shall provide by July 31, 2007, a written report to the council, evaluating utilizing wood as an alternative energy source in order to provide heat to county facilities, whether owned or leased. The report shall include an evaluation of climate impacts, a cost/benefit analysis to the county regarding investing in alternative energy production, the financial viability of such an operation if such an investment were made, and an analysis of the benefit of prepaying county energy bills.

The executive shall file 12 copies of the report with the clerk of the council, who will forward copies to each councilmember and to the lead staff for the growth management and natural resources committee and the operating budget committee, or their successor.