



## Legislation Text

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A MOTION adopting the priorities of King County for the 2007 King County budget.

WHEREAS, performance management is an effective mechanism that may be used by county residents, elected leaders and policy makers to prioritize county goals and align public resources and services to those goals, and

WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council is the policy making body of King County, and

WHEREAS, the council has been the leader in promoting performance management in King County, and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, the council adopted Motion 11561, which encouraged the executive to broaden and deepen the use of performance measurement throughout county government as a way of enhancing management of scarce resources and demonstrating accountability, and

WHEREAS, in June 2003, the council passed Motion 11739, which created a collaborative performance measurement work group to advise the county auditor and requested the executive to participate, and

WHEREAS, in September 2004, the council passed Motion 12005, that expanded the collaborative performance measurement work group to include all branches of county government and empowered the performance measurement work group to develop a work plan to determine feasible next steps to promote a uniform, countywide performance measurement and reporting system, and

WHEREAS, in July 2005, the council passed Motion 12161, which called for the countywide performance measurement work group to develop a plan with feasible next steps for establishing a countywide system of strategic performance measurement and reporting that is directly linked to resource allocation

decisions and is publicly reported, and

WHEREAS, in September 2006, the labor, operations and technology committee recommended that the council approve Proposed Motion 2006-0443, which would adopt a work plan to develop and implement a countywide performance management system, and

WHEREAS, a performance management system consists of five key sequential components: 1. establish priorities for county government; 2. define and clearly articulate missions and organizational priorities for elected agencies and executive departments in strategic/business plans; 3. connect central missions and organizational priorities in strategic/business plans for elected agencies and executive departments directly to the priorities of county government; 4. ensure that performance measures are publicly reported for both county priorities and for organizational priorities for elected agencies and executive departments so that the public, elected officials, managers and staff can assess county performance in meeting its priorities; and 5. link priorities, missions and performance measures with the policy making, management and budget processes to demonstrate accountability and to ensure that scarce public funds are provided to support county priorities, and

WHEREAS, the council has established organizational priorities for county human services through adoption of the human services policy framework, and

WHEREAS, the council has established priorities and performance measures for county criminal justice systems and services through adoption of operational master plans the adult and juvenile detention systems and the family law portion of superior court, and

WHEREAS, in October 2006, the council is planning to review and adopt priorities for expenditures of veterans and human services levy funds for the 2007 through 2011 King County budgets through adoption of the King County veterans and human services improvement plan, and

WHEREAS, the council has established county priorities for county growth management through adoption of the King County growth management and comprehensive plans, and

WHEREAS, the council has established county priorities for county parks, recreation and open space services through adoption of the parks omnibus and open space systems plan, and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the council established priorities for county transit services through adoption of the six-year transit development plan, and

WHEREAS, the council has established county priorities and performance measures for several areas, but not all, of county government, and

WHEREAS, the council chooses to further its development of a performance management system by establishing countywide priorities for the 2007 budget process and using these countywide priorities as a framework to review the proposed 2007 King County budget, and

WHEREAS, in Spring 2007, the council intends to provide policy direction, by motion, to the county executive regarding countywide priorities for the 2008 budget, and

WHEREAS, King County will conduct a broader priority-setting process involving the public and separately elected officials from all branches of county government through implementation of the work plan to develop and implement a countywide performance management system;

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

The council intends that the King County 2007 budget supports the priorities of

county government as described in the attached Priorities for People - The 2007 King County Budget.