

Legislation Text

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A MOTION adopting the 2013 work program for the law, justice, health and

human services committee.

WHEREAS, the law, justice, health and human services committee is charged with considering and making policy recommendations relating to:

1. Law, safety, criminal justice and emergency management programs including those related to public safety; the sheriff's office; adult detention; juvenile justice and youth services; superior and district courts; judicial administration; prosecuting attorney; public defense; therapeutic courts; emergency medical services; emergency management, including disaster response, emergency preparedness and emergency planning;

2. Public health programs, including those related to the protection, promotion and provision functions of the department of public health, including the structure of the public health centers; and

3. Human services programs, including mental illness and chemical dependency; homelessness and homeless housing; and civil rights and social justice, and

WHEREAS, the committee shall also consider the implementation of appropriate labor agreements, and

WHEREAS, in the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the 2014 budget, and

WHEREAS, the committee has, therefore, developed a work plan for 2013 to facilitate its review and development of policy options and recommendations on these and other issues, and

WHEREAS, the work of the law, justice, health and human services committee centers on two major goals of the King County Strategic Plan:

1. Supporting safe communities and accessible justice system for all; and

2. Promoting opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their full potential, and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the committee will review and recommend policies and legislation to the council

that further these goals and improve the safety and well-being of our region, and

WHEREAS, the committee seeks full council involvement in and support for its work program;

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

The law, justice, health and human services committee's 2013 work program, as attached to this motion, is hereby accepted.