

Legislation Text

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A MOTION authorizing the chair of the council to enter into a contract for services to analyze policy compliance, investigative thoroughness, and unbiased policing concerning use of force within the King County sheriff's office.

WHEREAS, the justice and safety goal of the King County Strategic Plan prioritizes keeping people safe in their homes and communities, and

WHEREAS, the service excellence goal of the King County Strategic Plan prioritizes building a culture of service that is responsive and accountable to the community, and

WHEREAS, a strong and effective internal investigations unit and external system of civilian oversight with appropriate authority reinforce a culture of integrity and accountability, and are crucial components for building and maintaining community trust, and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the metropolitan King County council approved Ordinance 15611 regarding civilian oversight of the sheriff's office in an effort to establish a system of civilian oversight to monitor ongoing investigations of misconduct, help resolve cases, implement methods for increasing the level of public trust and transparency and identify systemic issues within the sheriff's office and offer recommendations for reform, and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the council reaffirmed its commitment to establishing a system of civilian oversight of law enforcement by adopting Ordinance 16511, and

WHEREAS, the director of the office of law enforcement oversight has the authority to prepare and publish findings, conclusions and recommendations related to the office's oversight of the sheriff's office, and

WHEREAS, as part of the office's review of the sheriff's office operations, the director is seeking the

services of a consultant to analyze policy compliance, investigative thoroughness, and unbiased policing concerning use of force within the sheriff's office.

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

The chair of the metropolitan King County council is authorized to enter into a contract, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this motion, for the services of a consultant to analyze policy compliance, investigative thoroughness and unbiased policing concerning use of force within the King County sheriff's office.

The director of the office of law enforcement and oversight shall brief the council upon completion of the consultant's report. The briefing to the council shall include, but is not limited to a description of the consultant's scope of work, findings, and recommendations.