



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE related to authorizing the executive to enter into an agreement or agreements between King County and the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator for the conduct of recruitment and hiring processes and permitting county employees to serve as the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator executive director and staff.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Under Ordinance 19165, King County entered into the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator Interlocal Cooperation Agreement ("PSERN Operator ILA") with the cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton, Seattle and Tukwila.
2. PSERN Operator ILA creates a new separate governmental agency under RCW 39.34.030(3) (b) to be called the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator ("PSERN Operator"). The PSERN operator will be organized as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 24.06 RCW to assume ownership and control of the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network ("PSERN") system following implementation of the system and full system acceptance.
3. The PSERN Operator will be established approximately eighteen months before the anticipated date for full system acceptance. That will require the filing of incorporation documents with the Washington Secretary of State, the designation of governing board members by the parties to the PSERN Operator ILA and agreement on and filing of other documents such as bylaws. The goal is to have the PSERN Operator ready to assume these functions upon full

system acceptance.

4. An executive director must be hired to run the PSERN Operator's day-to-day business to include the hiring of staff to operate, maintain, monitor, repair, update and upgrade the PSERN system.

5. The county is willing to enter into an agreement or agreements with the PSERN Operator for a county employee to serve as the PSERN Operator executive director and for other county employees to serve as the PSERN Operator staff. The county is further willing to conduct a recruitment and hiring process for the PSERN Operator executive director and staff, if needed. The agreement or agreements shall ensure full cost recovery for the county.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. A. The council finds and determines it is appropriate and in the best interests of the residents of King County to authorize the executive to enter into an agreement with the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator to contract for a county employee to serve as the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator executive director.

B. The council finds and determines it is appropriate and in the best interests of the residents of King County to authorize the executive to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator to contract for one or more county employees to serve as Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator staff.

C. The council finds and determines it is appropriate and in the best interests of the residents of King County to authorize the executive to enter into an agreement with the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator to conduct a recruitment and hiring process for the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator executive director and/or Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator staff.

SECTION 2. A. The executive is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator to contract for a county employee to serve as the executive director of the

Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator, if requested by the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator or its representative to enter into such an agreement.

B. The executive is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator to contract for one or more county employees to serve as staff of the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator, if requested by the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator or its representative to enter into such an agreement.

C. The executive is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator for the county to conduct a recruitment and hiring process for the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator executive director or staff, or both, if requested by the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator or its representative to enter into such an agreement.

D. Any agreement between the county and the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator as authorized by this ordinance, shall ensure full cost recovery for the county.