



## Legislation Text

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A MOTION relating to comprehensive planning, specifying the scope of work for the 2024 update to the King County Comprehensive Plan in accordance with K.C.C. 20.18.060.

WHEREAS, King County enacted the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan ("the plan") to meet the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act ("the GMA") in chapter 36.70A RCW, and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130 requires cities and counties to review and update their comprehensive plans at least once every ten years to ensure continued compliance with the GMA, and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130 requires King County to complete its next eight-year update by December 31, 2024 ("the 2024 update"), and

WHEREAS, K.C.C. 20.18.030 establishes a process for amending the plan and requires that, beginning in 2024 and every eight years thereafter, the county complete a comprehensive review of, and consider substantive amendments to, the plan to ensure continued compliance with the GMA, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Environmental Policy Act ("SEPA") in chapter 43.21C RCW requires identification and evaluation of probable significant adverse environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures during decision-making by local agencies, and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.140 and K.C.C. 20.18.060 and 20.18.160 require early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of the plan and any implementing development regulations, and

WHEREAS, K.C.C. 20.18.060 requires the executive to transmit to the council a motion specifying the scope of work proposed for an eight-year update to the plan, which must include the topical areas the executive

intends to consider for recommendation to the council and the work program the executive intends to follow to accomplish SEPA review and public participation, and

WHEREAS, K.C.C. 20.18.060 requires the scope of work for the 2024 update ("the scope") to be transmitted by the last business day of June 2022, and states that the council has until September 15, 2022, to approve the motion either as transmitted or amended, and

WHEREAS, the SEPA review for the 2024 update will include the development and issuance of an environmental impact statement ("EIS"), and

WHEREAS, the executive worked with the council to develop the schedule for the EIS and the 2024 update. To align with that schedule, it was determined that the scope needed to be transmitted by the executive to the council by March 31, 2022, and approved by the council either as transmitted or amended by June 15, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Proposed Ordinance 2022-0155, reflecting those dates for the scope for the 2024 update, was transmitted by the executive to the council concurrent with this motion, and

WHEREAS, the executive developed its recommended scope based on recent changes in state law, the updated multicounty planning policies and regional growth strategy in VISION 2050, the 2021 Countywide Planning Policies, alignment with and advancement of county plans and regulations updated since the last eight-year plan update, executive policy priorities and goals, evaluation of plan performance measures, consultation with council and input from the public;

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

The scope of work for the 2024 update to the King County Comprehensive Plan in Attachment A to this motion is hereby approved.