



Legislation Text

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A MOTION adopting an amended version of King County's 2009 State Legislative Agenda and King County's 2009 Statement of State Policy; and rescinding Motion 12909.

WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County executive have worked together through their respective government relations staff and desire to bring their positions on issues facing the 2009 Washington state Legislature to the attention of the Washington state Legislature, and

WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local governments and other organizations, such as the Washington State Association of Counties, the Washington Association of County Officials, the Suburban Cities Association and the Association of Washington Cities, to achieve its 2009 legislative goals, and

WHEREAS, counties have been recognized by the Legislature as partners with the state in the delivery of such critical services as transportation, criminal justice, public health, community and human services and water resources, and

WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the state, and

WHEREAS, King County's general fund suffers from a structural imbalance between the limited revenue authorities and the growth rate of expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the deepening national recession has resulted in dramatic budget shortfalls at all levels of government across the nation, and

WHEREAS, the dramatic downturn of the economy has magnified the general fund's structural problem

as forecast sales tax and interest earnings deteriorate and the cost of providing services increases due to rising inflation, and

WHEREAS, counties currently have a limited number of options to ask local voters for additional resources for specific county services, and

WHEREAS, if King County is going to be able to continue delivering basic government services to our residents, it needs new flexibility and revenue tools from the state, and

WHEREAS, King County is dedicated to exploring with the state new ideas for sustained funding for critical services such as transportation, public safety, and public health, and

WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will continue to review legislative developments for possible revisions of King County's 2009 state legislative program, and

WHEREAS, by Motion 12909 the metropolitan King County council adopted King County's 2009 State Legislative Agenda, which was Attachment A to Motion 12909, and

WHEREAS, in item number 13 of Attachment A to Motion 12909, "District Court," not "Judicial Administration," should have been listed as the applicable "Department," and

WHEREAS, a corrected version of Attachment A to Motion 12909 is attached to this motion as Attachment A, and

WHEREAS, Attachment A to this motion differs from Attachment A to Motion 12909 only in the listing of "District Court" as the applicable "Department" in item number 13, and

WHEREAS, although the King County 2009 Statement of State Policy was Attachment B to Motion 12909, it was not referred to and explicitly adopted in the text of the motion, and

WHEREAS, Attachment B to this motion is identical to Attachment B to Motion 12909;

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

A. The King County council adopts the corrected version of King County's 2009 Legislative Agenda, which is Attachment A to this motion, as King County's highest priorities for action in the 2009 legislative

session of the Washington state Legislature.

B. The King County council adopts King County's 2009 Statement of State

Policy, which is Attachment B to this motion.

C. Motion 12909 is hereby rescinded.

none