



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 18, 2003

Motion 11798

Proposed No. 2003-0422.2

Sponsors Constantine, Hague, Lambert and
Hammond

1 A MOTION opposing the inclusion of the King County
2 International Airport on the list of airports designated as
3 rural airports.

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 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Reauthorization Bill, AIR-21, contains a list of
7 sixty-nine visual flight rules air traffic control towers proposed to be designated as rural
8 and subject to privatization, and

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 WHEREAS, King County International Airport ("KCIA") has been included in
that list, and

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 WHEREAS, KCIA is neither small nor rural and in fact does provide IFR
separation for arriving and departing aircraft, and

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 WHEREAS, KCIA operates under a letter of agreement with the Sea-Tac tower
and Seattle Terminal Radar Control, "TRACON," all of which provide the largest
metropolitan area in the Northwest with the highest level of efficiency and safety, and

16 WHEREAS, KCIA serves the greater Seattle area as a base of operations for air
17 cargo shipments and corporate hangars for some of the most important corporations in
18 the United States, with more than five hundred fifty based aircraft, and

19 WHEREAS KCIA is the preferred landing site for Air Force One and the Blue
20 Angels flight team during their annual visit to Seattle, and

21 WHEREAS, KCIA is the home to The Boeing Company's delivery facility,
22 Boeing's Flight Test Operation for its entire line of planes and Boeing's military
23 AWACS facility serving United States and allied air forces, and

24 WHEREAS, designating the KCIA tower as rural could compromise safety and
25 efficiency in one of the most complicated air spaces in the United States, and

26 WHEREAS, the rural designation of the KCIA tower may have very adverse
27 business and employment impacts for the Boeing Company and the one hundred fifty
28 other aviation-related businesses at KCIA and

29 WHEREAS, Washington state already has the second highest unemployment rate
30 in the nation;

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

32 A. The council urges Congress and the Federal Aviation Administration, in the
33 strongest possible terms, to remove KCIA from the list of designated rural towers to be
34 privatized; and

35 B. The council further urges Congress and the Federal Aviation Administration
36 to recognize and support the ongoing level of professionalism, service and safety that
37 allows KCIA and Sea-Tac Airport to function in an integral way that serves the national

38 interest as well as the citizens of King County, the state of Washington and the
39 Northwest.
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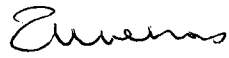
Motion 11798 was introduced on 9/8/2003 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/18/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague and Mr. Irons
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None