



Signature Report

October 7, 2003

Motion 11816

Proposed No. 2003-0433.2

Sponsors Gossett and Lambert

1 A MOTION approving the plan related to the
2 implementation of an intake services unit as required in the
3 2003 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 14517.

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6 WHEREAS, in 2002, the King County council recognized that, left unchanged,
7 the county's budgets for law and justice would use up all of the county current expense
8 ("CX") resources by 2008, leaving no resources for any other county CX program or for
9 the administration of county government, and

10 WHEREAS, criminal justice expenditures account for almost three quarters of the
11 county's current expense budget, and

12 WHEREAS, as a result revenue shortfalls, the county has had to make significant
13 reductions in this area but has also taken steps to ensure that these reductions do not have
14 an adverse impact on public safety through the development of a coordinated and
15 comprehensive criminal justice policy framework, and

16 WHEREAS, the county council, working with the executive and the separately
17 elected representatives of the county's criminal justice agencies, adopted a defined set of

18 policies for criminal justice as part of the county's Adult Justice Operational Master Plan
19 ("AJOMP"), and

20 WHEREAS, based on the policies adopted through the AJOMP, the 2003 budget
21 included reductions for each of the county's criminal justice agencies, while at the same
22 time each agency—through the implementation of the AJOMP—has been working to
23 make the overall system more efficient and effective and less costly, and

24 WHEREAS, the adopted county criminal justice policy includes direction for the
25 development of alternatives to the use of secure detention for adult offenders in order to
26 make best use of limited detention resources and preserve public safety, and

27 WHEREAS, the council stated that the these alternatives or intermediate
28 sanctions should be used in a graduated and measured manner, appropriate to the offense
29 and cognizant of the cost effectiveness—measured through lower costs, or reducing the
30 costs of future offending, and

31 WHEREAS, the county created a community corrections division that was
32 developed through collaboration between all CJ agencies and established a system of
33 alternatives to secure detention that changed from a "Administrative Placement Model" to
34 a "Direct Sanction Model" where offenders are placed in alternatives only after a judicial
35 decision, and

36 WHEREAS, the council added to the 2003 budget, moneys for the development
37 of an "pilot intakes services unit" to support judicial decision-making and to speed the
38 placement decision process, and

39 WHEREAS, the council required that before any moneys could be expended the
40 executive and the superior court should provide a plan for this new service for the review
41 and approval of the council;

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

43 A. The plan related to the implementation of the new intake services pilot
44 program is approved;

45 B. The representatives of the intake services program workgroup, as part the
46 county's continuing implementation of the Adult Justice Operational Master Plan, shall
47 continue to oversee the implementation of the pilot program and shall develop the
48 measures appropriate for assessing the success of the new unit after its implementation.
49 The measures should include the impact of the unit on all criminal justice agencies, not
50 just the impact on secure detention; and

51 C. The executive should transmit a request to transfer the identified level of

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52 funding for the remainder of the 2003 budget year for the intake services program to the
53 correct appropriations unit.

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Motion 11816 was introduced on 9/22/2003 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/6/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz,
Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson

No: 0

Excused: 3 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Hammond and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None