



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

March 29, 2010

Motion 13194

Proposed No. 2010-0185.1

**Sponsors Hague, Phillips, Dunn, Patterson,
von Reichbauer and Ferguson**

1 A MOTION urging the United States Department of
2 Defense to select the Boeing Company to build the next
3 midair refueling tanker.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense has begun the process to
5 procure the Air Force's next midair refueling tanker, and

6 WHEREAS, Boeing and Airbus are anticipated to be the competitors to build that
7 tanker, and

8 WHEREAS, that contract could be worth \$35 billion, and

9 WHEREAS, the United States economy is currently struggling through a
10 recession of historic magnitude, and

11 WHEREAS, unemployment nationally and in Washington remains around ten
12 percent, and

13 WHEREAS, United States taxpayers deserve the best tanker at the least cost, and

14 WHEREAS, the Boeing Company has a history of producing successful tankers
15 for the United States Air Force and other countries' air forces, and

16 WHEREAS, Boeing can deliver a better aircraft more quickly to our soldiers,
17 sailors, airmen and airwomen, and

18 WHEREAS, Boeing will build its tankers in Everett, Washington, at a proven
19 plant, with a highly skilled and dedicated regional workforce that has a tradition of
20 building the best airplanes in the world, and

21 WHEREAS, the Seattle metropolitan statistical area has the highest concentration
22 of aerospace jobs in the world, and

23 WHEREAS, Seattle and the Puget Sound region is home to the vast majority of
24 Boeing's more than 75,000 workers, and

25 WHEREAS, each job at Boeing supports nearly three additional jobs, and

26 WHEREAS, aerospace workers earn an average of more than \$50,000 a year,
27 which is sixty per cent higher than the average for all private sector industries, and

28 WHEREAS, most aerospace companies are relatively small businesses, many
29 with five to fifty employees, and

30 WHEREAS, approximately \$5.4 billion is paid in annual wages to aerospace
31 workers, which is five percent of all wages paid in the state, and

32 WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council values these jobs and the
33 people who hold them, and will make it a priority to ensure Washington and the Puget
34 Sound region remains the best place to design, build and market commercial airplanes,
35 and

36 WHEREAS, our national security interests are not served by sending this valuable
37 and strategic program overseas, and

38 WHEREAS, Airbus has a majority of its workers in Europe, and by its own
39 admission would only do the finishing work for a tanker in the United States, which is as
40 little as five percent, and

41 WHEREAS, awarding the contract to Boeing can create or retain 40,000 to
42 50,000 American jobs at a time in history when we desperately need them, and

43 WHEREAS, United States taxpayers are not served by buying tankers from both
44 Boeing and Airbus in this competition;

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

46 A. The United States Department of Defense should select Boeing over Airbus to
47 build the next midair refueling tanker.

48 B. The United States Department of Defense should not split the contract
49 between the two competitors.

50 C. Copies of this motion should be immediately transmitted by the clerk of the
51 council to the Boeing corporate offices in Chicago, Boeing Commercial Airplanes in

52 Seattle, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and the
53 Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace.
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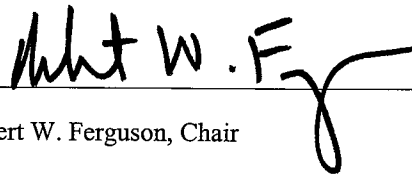
Motion 13194 was introduced on 3/15/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 3/29/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn

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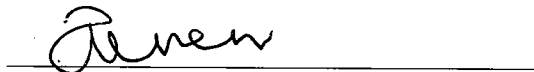
Excused: 2 - Ms. Drago and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None