



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

March 21, 2011

Motion 13449

Proposed No. 2011-0103.2

Sponsors Ferguson

1 A MOTION adopting the 2011 work program for the law,
2 justice, health and human services committee.

3 WHEREAS, the law, justice, health and human services committee is charged
4 with considering and making policy recommendations relating to:

5 1. Law, safety, criminal justice and emergency management programs including
6 those related to public safety; adult detention; juvenile justice and youth services;
7 superior and district courts; judicial administration; prosecuting attorney; public defense;
8 emergency medical services; emergency management, including disaster response,
9 emergency preparedness and emergency planning;

10 2. Public health programs, including those related to the protection, promotion
11 and provision functions of the department of public health, including the structure of the
12 public health centers; and

13 3. Human services programs, including review of the veterans and human
14 services levy programs and options for levy renewal; therapeutic and low-income
15 housing; and civil rights and social justice, and

16 WHEREAS, the committee shall also consider the implementation of appropriate
17 labor agreements, and

18 WHEREAS, in the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall
19 track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy
20 direction for the 2012 annual budget, and

21 WHEREAS, the committee has, therefore, developed a work plan for 2011 to
22 facilitate its review and development of policy options and recommendations on these
23 and other issues, and

24 WHEREAS, the work of the law, justice, health and human services committee
25 centers on two major goals of the adopted King County strategic plan:

- 26 1. Supporting safe communities and accessible justice system for all; and
27 2. Promoting opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their
28 full potential, and

29 WHEREAS, in 2011, the committee will review and recommend policies and
30 legislation to the council that further these goals and improve the safety and wellbeing of
31 our region, and

32 WHEREAS, the committee seeks full council involvement in and support for its
33 work program;

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

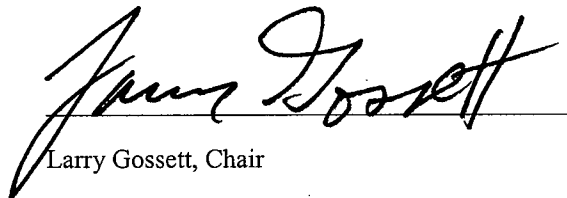
35 The law, justice, health and human services committee's 2011 work program, as
36 attached to this motion, is hereby accepted.

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Motion 13449 was introduced on 2/22/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 3/21/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn and Mr. McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Mr. Ferguson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Metropolitan King County Council Law, Justice, Health and Human Services 2011
Work Program, dated March 8, 2011

**Metropolitan King County Council
Law, Justice, Health and Human Services
2011 Work Program
March 8, 2011**

The work of the Law, Justice, Health, and Human Services Committee centers on two major goals of the King County Strategic Plan:

- 1) Supporting safe communities and accessible justice system for all
- 2) Promote opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their full potential

This year, the committee will review and recommend policies and legislation to the full Council that further these goals and improve the safety and wellbeing of our region.

Support safe communities and accessible justice systems for all.

The LJHHS committee will consider issues that:

- Keep people safe in their homes and communities
- Ensure fair and accessible justice systems
- Ensure offending individuals are appropriately detained or sanctioned
- Decrease damage or harm in the event of a regional crisis

Key Work Program Items:

- Efficient administration of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Office of Public Defense
- Examination of pre-trial release practices in King County and oversight of the development of a pre-trial risk assessment tool
- Countywide disaster and emergency planning
- Implementation of the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight
- Feasibility study of new Veterans Specialty Court
- Evaluation of Superior Court Family Services contempt of court case process change
- Investigation of criminal justice systems technological infrastructure
- Status updates from criminal justice agencies
- Review of the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention operations, including reporting practices and contracts
- Review of King County's criminal justice policies, procedures and practices in order to identify areas where racial inequities may occur and propose policy solutions that address such disproportionalities

Provide opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their full potential.

The LJHHS committee will consider issues that:

- Increase the number of healthy years that residents live
- Protect the health of communities

- Support the optimal growth and development of children and youth
- Ensure a network of integrated and effective health and human services is available to people in need

Key Work Program Items:

- Discussion of Veterans and Human Services Levy renewal options
 - Review of the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Plan and review of strategies and outcomes
 - Review of governance structures for VHSL and MIDD
 - Analysis of the operational impacts of state budget cuts to health and human services in King County
- Review progress of the Committee to End Homelessness