



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**February 28, 2012**

**Motion 13642**

**Proposed No. 2012-0093.1**

**Sponsors Dunn**

1           A MOTION urging the Washington State Legislature to  
2           create a "Blue Alert" system for law enforcement.

3           WHEREAS, America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response ("AMBER")  
4 Alert System provides a method to rapidly alert the public to the details of alleged child  
5 abductions through the media, and

6           WHEREAS, Blue Alert systems notify law enforcement and the public across the  
7 state about descriptions of people suspected of injuring or killing local, state or federal  
8 law enforcement officers, and

9           WHEREAS, at least seven states, including Maryland, Texas and Florida have  
10 enacted Blue Alert systems modeled on AMBER alert systems, and

11           WHEREAS, there is currently no system in place in Washington state to expedite  
12 the apprehension of violent criminals who seriously injure or kill local, state or federal  
13 law enforcement officers, and

14           WHEREAS, it is necessary to create a statewide Blue Alert system in Washington  
15 state to aid and speed the apprehension of violent criminals who kill or seriously injure  
16 local, state or federal law enforcement officers, and

17           WHEREAS, on October 31, 2009, two Seattle police officers were shot while on  
18 duty, with one officer dying from his injuries, and

19 WHEREAS, On November 29, 2009, four Lakewood City police officers were  
20 murdered by an assailant who subsequently eluded police with the assistance of others,  
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22 WHEREAS, on January 1, 2012, a Washington state park ranger was murdered  
23 during a traffic stop in Mount Rainier National Park, and

24 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2012, a Washington State Patrol trooper was shot  
25 and killed in Kitsap county during a routine traffic stop, and

26 WHEREAS, the 62nd state Legislature, in its 2012 session, is considering  
27 legislation that would create a Blue Alert system for law enforcement agencies around  
28 the state to voluntarily enter into, and

29 WHEREAS, legislation creating a Blue Alert system possesses bi-partisan support  
30 among its sponsors in the Washington state House of Representatives, and

31 WHEREAS, on January 31, 2012, representatives from the Washington  
32 Association of Police Chiefs, Washington State Concerns of Police Survivors and  
33 Washington Association of Broadcasters testified in support of legislation creating a Blue  
34 Alert system;

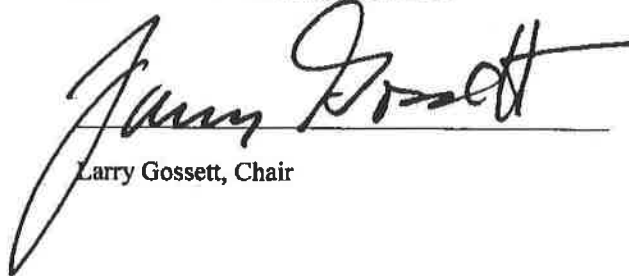
35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

36           The metropolitan King County council urges the Washington state Legislature to  
37   create a Blue Alert system by enacting Substitute House Bill 1820.  
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Motion 13642 was introduced on 2/27/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/27/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr. McDermott  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments: None**