



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 12, 2017

Motion 15029

Proposed No. 2017-0496.3

Sponsors Balducci, Kohl-Welles,
Dembowski, Gossett, McDermott,
Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, Lambert and
Dunn

1 A MOTION stating the King County council's intent to
2 develop an implementation plan to invest proceeds from the
3 Puget Sound taxpayers' accountability account to improve
4 educational outcomes in King County through investments
5 in early learning programs; college and career training
6 programs; and in programs that serve children and youth
7 from low-income families or communities of color, or who
8 are homeless, in the foster care system, in the child welfare
9 system, involved in the juvenile justice system or otherwise
10 vulnerable.

11 "WHEREAS, the Washington state Legislature amended chapter 81.112 RCW via
12 Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987 in 2015 to create the Puget Sound taxpayer
13 accountability account, and

14 WHEREAS, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account is to be funded by a
15 sales and use tax offset fee of three and twenty-five one-hundredths percent of the total
16 payments made by a regional transit authority to construction contractors on construction
17 projects that are:

- 18 1. For new projects identified in the system plan funded by any proposition

19 approved by voters after January 1, 2015; and

20 2. Excluded from the definition of retail sales under RCW 82.04.050(10), and

21 WHEREAS, on July 26, 2017, the King County council's committee of the whole
22 held a special meeting in the city of Kent to discuss the account to hear from the public
23 on this topic, and

24 WHEREAS, the King County council adopted Motion 14923 directed legislative
25 department staff to prepare a report, in consultation with all councilmembers and the
26 executive branch that provides strategies for how King County can engage stakeholders
27 in a public process to determine how to use proceeds from Sound Transit 3 in the Puget
28 Sound taxpayer accountability account, and

29 WHEREAS, between 2018 and 2035, King County is projected to receive
30 approximately three hundred fifteen million dollars, and

31 WHEREAS, the proceeds are required by RCW 43.79.520 "for educational
32 services to improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education
33 including, but not limited to, for youths that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care,
34 or other vulnerable populations," and

35 WHEREAS, to the greatest extent practicable, the expenditures of the county
36 must follow the requirements of the Sound Transit subarea equity policy, and

37 WHEREAS, the proceeds may only be spent after the Washington state
38 Legislature appropriates them, and

39 WHEREAS, meaningful funding from the account will be available starting in
40 2019, and

41 WHEREAS, the Youth Action Plan defines youth as people from ages sixteen to

42 twenty-five, and

43 WHEREAS, economic status and race are predictors educational outcomes and
44 economic mobility, and

45 WHEREAS, King County has traditionally not been involved in providing direct
46 educational services to children or youth, and

47 WHEREAS, King County is fortunate to be home to dozens of organizations that
48 work to improve educational outcomes for students and youth in all parts of the county;

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

50 A. King County will utilize moneys from the Puget Sound taxpayers'
51 accountability account to meet the following goals:

- 52 1. Ensure every child in King County is ready for kindergarten;
- 53 2. Improve educational outcomes for children and youth who are homeless, in
54 the foster care system, in the child welfare system, involved in the juvenile justice system
55 or otherwise vulnerable;
- 56 3. Close the opportunity gap for children and youth of color and low-income
57 children and youth;
- 58 4. End the school to prison pipeline and reduce youth involvement in the
59 criminal justice system;
- 60 5. Embody the King County equity and social justice goal;
- 61 6. Ensure all youth in King County are prepared to fill the jobs of the future; and
- 62 7. Build a legacy for King County that lasts beyond the duration of the funding.

63 B. In order to meet the goals stated in section A. of this motion, King County will
64 use the following principles:

65 1. Maximize the impact of the funding by focusing on no more than three areas
66 for investment;

67 2. Invest in programs and projects consistent with the limited duration of the
68 funding as much as possible, such as facility or pilot projects;

69 3. Prioritize programs that are evidence based or promising practices and have
70 measurable outcomes, while also investing in innovative approaches;

71 4. Include funding for direct services provided in and by the community being
72 served; and

73 5. Leverage existing initiatives, organizations, programs and funding sources,
74 such as the Youth Action Plan, , the Children and Youth Advisory Board, the Best Starts
75 for Kids Levy, and the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy, as well as related
76 investments by cities, the state of Washington, schools employers and private
77 foundations.

78 C. Puget Sound taxpayers' accountability account funding will be directed to the
79 following priority areas:

80 1. Early learning;

81 2. K-12 education for vulnerable and underserved children and youth; and

82 3. College, career, and technical education.

83 D. The council initiative's director will lead the development of the
84 implementation plan and will coordinate with the appropriate legislative branch and
85 executive branch staff. The council initiatives director should provide an oral update on
86 the progress of developing the implementation plan to the council's committee of the
87 whole each quarter.

88 E. The King County council will engage a consultant to help facilitate
89 community outreach and prepare an implementation plan, for the life of the account,
90 guided by the goals and principles stated in section A and B of this motion, targeting the
91 priority areas in section C of this motion, and in accordance with section F of this motion.
92 The consultant shall meet with stakeholders and subject-matter experts when drafting the
93 implementation plan.

94 F. When conducting the community outreach to develop the implementation
95 plan, the consultant will explore a variety of strategies including, but not limited to:

96 1. Increasing access and success in postsecondary or career connected
97 education, including advisory support or other necessary services at community or
98 technical colleges via a "promise scholarship" program, or programs targeting low-
99 income youth, youth of color or homeless youth.;

100 2. Constructing, maintaining and renovating facilities to support early learning
101 programs;

102 3. Colocating early learning centers with affordable housing, including flexible,
103 mixed-use space to meet the multiple needs of children and youth with limited access to
104 services;

105 4. Programing or facilities to support children and youth who are homeless, in
106 the foster care system, in the child welfare system, involved in the juvenile justice system
107 or otherwise vulnerable or underserved;

108 5. Supporting asset building strategies for youth including children's educational
109 savings accounts;

110 6. Identifying innovative strategies to empower students to be change agents in

111 their schools and communities who can identify and address social and racial injustice
112 through advocacy and organizing; and

113 7. Training educators in the effects that economic status and institutional racism
114 have on educational outcomes and economic mobility.

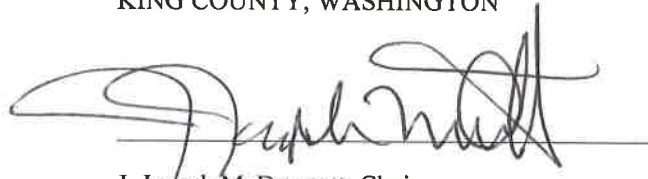
115 G. The King County council intends to engage the public directly through at least
116 two town hall meetings of the committee of the whole. The King County council also
117 intends to establish an advisory committee to review and provide comments on the
118 consultant's draft report and will establish this advisory committee in a future motion.

119 H. The implementation plan is due to the council by September 1, 2018, and will
120 be used to inform the development of the 2019-2020 biennial budget.
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Motion 15029 was introduced on 11/27/2017 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/11/2017, by the following vote:

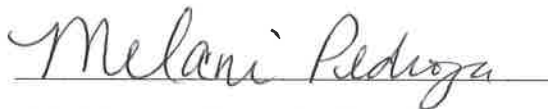
Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Mr. Gossett and Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



Attachments: None