



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15551

Proposed No. 2019-0459.2

Sponsors Dembowski

1 A MOTION establishing the King County 2020 State
2 Legislative Agenda.

3 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive have
4 worked together through their respective government relations staff and desire to bring
5 their positions on issues facing the 2020 Washington state Legislature to the attention of
6 the Washington state Legislature, and

7 WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local
8 governments and other organizations such as the Washington State Association of
9 Counties, the Washington Association of County Officials, the Sound Cities Association
10 and the Association of Washington Cities to achieve its 2020 legislative goals, and

11 WHEREAS, counties have been recognized by the Legislature as partners with
12 the state in the delivery of such critical services as transportation, criminal justice, public
13 health, community and human services and environmental protection, and

14 WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the
15 state in many areas, and

16 WHEREAS, King County has a limited number of revenue sources available to
17 mitigate impacts of budget decisions at the state level, and

18 WHEREAS, King County's ability to deliver public health, human services,
19 criminal justice and other basic services is directly impacted by decisions in the state

20 budget, and

21 WHEREAS, the increasing cost of providing essential services to a growing King
22 County population combined with an arbitrary cap on property tax revenue growth has
23 created a structural gap in King County's general fund, and

24 WHEREAS, King County is dedicated to exploring with the state new ideas for
25 sustained funding for critical services such as transportation, criminal justice, health and
26 human services and flood protection, and

27 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will
28 continue to review legislative developments for possible revisions of King County's 2020
29 state legislative program;

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

31 The King County council adopts the King County 2020 State Legislative Agenda,

32 Attachment A to this motion, as King County's highest priorities for action in the 2020
33 legislative session of the Washington state Legislature.
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Motion 15551 was introduced on 10/30/2019 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/20/2019, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci



KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. King County 2020 State Legislative Agenda



King County

2020 State Legislative Agenda

TOP PRIORITIES



Protect and enhance local transportation options

Keep the region moving by maintaining state transit funding and developing tools to ensure robust local transit services.



Address critical roads and bridge needs

Provide new tools for local governments to preserve local roads and bridges that millions of Washingtonians rely on to get to the state's largest jobs center and back home again.



Increase availability of affordable housing

Expand supply of extremely low-income housing by providing councilmanic authority for the existing housing sales tax. Increase workforce housing by incentivizing market interventions that increase capacity and density. Prevent individuals from falling into homelessness.



Improve access to community behavioral health services

Strengthen state's transition to fully integrated managed care by supporting the King County Integrated Care Network. Serve more people in crisis by addressing workforce challenges, expanding local capacity, and supporting families in treatment for and recovery from mental health conditions and substance use disorders.



Protect Public Health

Safeguard communities from the spread of disease by increasing funding for core public health services, including by backfilling decreased vapor tax revenue; and ensure low income Washingtonians have access to quality and affordable healthcare coverage.

Protect the environment

Build our clean energy future and restore clean water and healthy habitat.

Reform criminal justice system

Support efforts to divert people from and eliminate disproportionality within the criminal justice system.

