



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

June 27, 2000

Ordinance 13879

Proposed No. 2000-0232.3

Sponsors McKenna

1 AN ORDINANCE increasing the expenditure authority to
2 the office of public defense by \$1,974,637; amending the
3 2000 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 13678, Section 46, as
4 amended.

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7 **PREAMBLE:**

8 The council recognizes the current legal obligation to fund the
9 public defense costs incurred in dependency actions brought by
10 the state. However, the council finds that this obligation is more
11 appropriately borne by the state. The state determines whether to
12 bring dependency actions and should therefore bear the cost. The
13 council recognizes that the state office of public defense has
14 recommended that the Legislature provide funding to the counties
15 for dependency defense, and that the Legislature has funded a
16 pilot dependency defense project. The council also recognizes



17 that the King County defender offices and the Washington
18 Defender Association have advocated for several years for state
19 funding for dependency defense. It is the council's intent that the
20 executive and council work together with other counties and with
21 the King County defenders and with the Washington Defender
22 Association to seek a change in state law to place the burden of
23 funding dependency public defense services on the state.

24 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

25 SECTION 1. There is hereby approved and adopted additional expenditure
26 authority of \$1,974,637 to the office of public defense in the department of community
27 and human services from the current expense fund for dependency legal services pursuant
28 to the King County legal services contracts. Additionally, the proviso restricting the use
29 of funds for the representation of juveniles in dependency proceedings after April 1, 2000
30 is eliminated.

31 SECTION 2. Ordinance 13678, Section 46, as amended, is hereby amended by
32 adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

33 PUBLIC DEFENSE – From the current expense fund there is hereby appropriated
34 to:

35 Public defense \$1,974,637

36 SECTION 3. Ordinance 13678, Section 46, as amended, is hereby amended by
37 deleting the following:

38 PROVIDED THAT:

39 No more than \$658,244 of this appropriation shall be expended on representation
40 of juveniles in dependency proceedings filed by state authorities. The amount
41 appropriated will only be used to pay expenses incurred prior to April 1, 2000.
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Ordinance 13879 was introduced on 4/3/00 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/26/00, by the following vote:

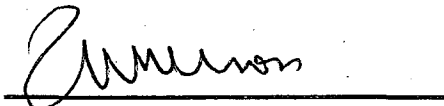
Yes: 12 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Fimia

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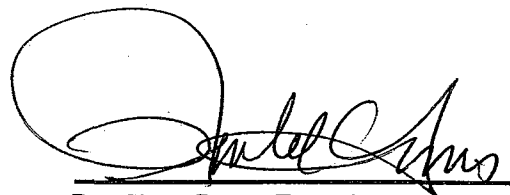
Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 7 day of July, 2000.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

