



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 18, 2005

Motion 12211

Proposed No. 2005-0410.1

Sponsors Hague, Phillips and Edmonds

1 A MOTION urging Congress to provide full funding for an
2 exercise to demonstrate capabilities and integration of
3 governments to respond to a pandemic influenza outbreak
4 in King County.

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7 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has found that, to date, over one
8 hundred human cases with over fifty deaths have occurred as a result of Avian influenza
9 A (H5N1) and it poses a considerable human public health risk, and

10 WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has determined that pandemic
11 influenza is a possible emergency scenario, and

12 WHEREAS, Public Health-Seattle-King County has estimated that with an attack
13 rate of thirty-five percent that 809 to 2,666 deaths and 249,916 to 466,642 outpatient
14 medical visits due to pandemic influenza may occur in King County, and

15 WHEREAS, King County is the thirteenth largest county in the United States, and

16 WHEREAS, the source of Avian influenza is Asia and King County experiences
17 significant immigration and international visits from Asian countries, and

18 WHEREAS, King County has significant experience in regional disaster and
19 emergency planning including preparing a regional disaster plan, creating the emergency
20 management advisory committee and conducting a top officials exercise (“TOPOFF 2”)
21 to demonstrate capabilities and integration of governments to respond to a dirty bomb
22 explosion, and

23 WHEREAS, in March 2005, the King County pandemic flu preparedness task
24 force was created to: (1) improve the effectiveness of the local healthcare system
25 response to pandemic influenza and limit mortality and morbidity; and (2) facilitate
26 coordination and collaboration among healthcare system stakeholders and between
27 healthcare system and the department of public health, and

28 WHEREAS, on April 15, 2005, the King County board of health received a
29 briefing on pandemic influenza, and

30 WHEREAS, on May 20, 2005, the King County board of health passed
31 Resolution 05-04 directing the King County board of health to: (1) coordinate and
32 facilitate King County's response and capacity planning in preparation for an influenza
33 pandemic; and (2) encourage municipal governments and stakeholder organizations to
34 work closely with the King County board of health in preparation for an influenza
35 pandemic, and

36 WHEREAS, on October 3, 2005, King County held a forum on preparation for an
37 influenza pandemic with sixty business leaders in attendance, including representatives
38 from Boeing and Starbucks, and

39 WHEREAS, King County desires to conduct an exercise to assess King County's
40 preparedness for a pandemic influenza outbreak;

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
42 The King County council respectfully urges the United States Congress to provide
43 full funding for an exercise to demonstrate capabilities and integration of federal, state
44 and local governments to respond to a pandemic influenza outbreak in King County.
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Motion 12211 was introduced on 10/10/2005 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/17/2005, by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 3 - Mr. Pelz, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Irons

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None