



Signature Report

April 15, 2008

Motion 12732

Proposed No. 2008-0148.2

Sponsors Lambert

1 A MOTION authorizing the county to accept the
2 Innovations in American Government award and a \$100,000
3 grant from the Ash Institute of the John F. Kennedy School
4 of Government at Harvard University to encourage other
5 courts to emulate the King County electronic court records
6 program and its substantial efficiencies in handling court
7 case information.

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9 WHEREAS, King County has a long-standing commitment to promoting
10 efficiency and innovation in government, and

11 WHEREAS, the electronic court records ("ECR") program of the King County
12 department of judicial administration (superior court clerk's office) has been renowned
13 within the local, state and national courts community for its innovations and results, and

14 WHEREAS, the ECR has resulted in substantial efficiencies for King County law
15 safety and justice departments while protecting the accurate preservation of the court case
16 files along with protection of sealed and confidential documents, and

17 WHEREAS, the ECR has been honored with special recognition as a 2007
18 Innovation in American Government Award by the Ash Institute at the John F. Kennedy
19 School of Government at Harvard University, and

20 WHEREAS, the Innovations in American Government awards program this year
21 reached the milestone of twenty years in existence, and has asked the department of
22 judicial administration to promote similar practices in other courts nationwide through a
23 grant of \$100,000 for that purpose;

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

25 King County is hereby authorized to accept an Ash Institute Innovations in
26 American Government award for 2007, including a \$100,000 grant offered to promote
27 replication of the success of ECR at King County. The county is authorized to accept the
28 \$100,000 award from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in order
29 to encourage other courts to adopt the model of treating the electronic version of a

30 document as the "official record" of the case file and to add other services, including
31 electronic filing, service and remote access.

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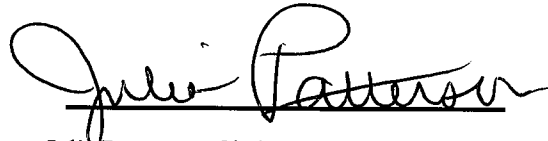
Motion 12732 was introduced on 3/24/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/14/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None