



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**March 9, 2010**

**Motion 13186**

**Proposed No. 2010-0166.2**

**Sponsors Phillips and Gossett**

1           A MOTION urging the Washington state Legislature to  
2           enact the Clean Water Act of 2010 as a means to fund  
3           needed projects to address stormwater pollution in King  
4           County and statewide.

5           WHEREAS, King County and other local governments are required by the federal  
6           Clean Water Act to control and clean up stormwater pollution within our jurisdictions,  
7           and

8           WHEREAS, cleanup and restoration of Puget Sound is a local, statewide and  
9           national priority with the listing of Chinook salmon and orcas under the Endangered  
10          Species Act, and

11          WHEREAS, contaminated stormwater runoff is the number one water pollution  
12          problem in the state of Washington and in Puget Sound, and contaminated runoff from  
13          our roads and urban areas has harmed virtually urban creeks, streams and rivers in the  
14          state, and

15          WHEREAS, cleaning up stormwater pollution is a daunting task because the  
16          sources of pollution are widespread and difficult to pinpoint, and the costs for compliance  
17          and cleanup can be prohibitive, and

18          WHEREAS, King County government is facing a structural budget gap in its  
19          general fund caused by increasing costs and declining revenues, threatening our

20 government's ability to provide even basic mandated services including stormwater  
21 pollution cleanup, and

22 WHEREAS, local governments and residents statewide are struggling with the  
23 economic crisis, heightened unemployment, and the need to revive the economy and  
24 create jobs, and

25 WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act of 2010: Working for Clean Water, which is  
26 House Bill 3181 or Senate Bill 6851, as originally introduced would address these issues  
27 by creating a funding source for projects that clean up storm water, creating jobs in the  
28 construction industry and helping fund basic state services, and

29 WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act of 2010 as originally proposed would raise the  
30 existing voter-approved Hazardous Substance Tax from seven-tenths of one percent to  
31 two percent, raising \$225 million each year, allocating the bulk of the dollars to the state  
32 general fund in the near term and transitioning the funding back to clean water purposes  
33 over time, and

34 WHEREAS, because of the nexus between hazardous substances and the  
35 pollution they produce, the Hazardous Substance Tax seems to be an appropriate vehicle  
36 to pay for associated stormwater cleanup costs, and

37 WHEREAS, as originally proposed the Clean Water Act of 2010 would  
38 accomplish the important goals of avoiding immediate cuts to core services, funding local  
39 governments' obligations for stormwater pollution cleanup, creating construction jobs and  
40 providing a clean water legacy we will be proud of for generations, and

41 WHEREAS, the bill was introduced in the state Legislature this session with  
42 broad support locally and statewide from the Environmental Priorities Coalition,

43 Washington Association of Cities, Washington Association of Counties and the  
44 Washington State Labor Council, as well as a coalition of education, health care and  
45 social services groups unified behind solutions to maintain core public services;

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

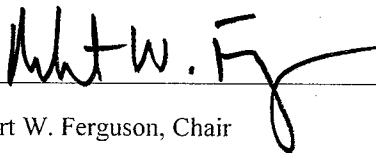
47 The metropolitan King County council urges the Washington state Legislature to  
48 enact The Clean Water Act of 2010, which is House Bill 3181 or Senate Bill 6851, as a

49 means to fund needed projects to address stormwater pollution in King County and  
50 statewide.

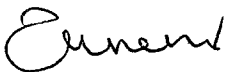
Motion 13186 was introduced on 3/8/2010 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/8/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Ferguson  
No: 4 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None