

KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

May 10, 2010

Motion 13219

	Proposed No. 2010-0221.1	Sponsors Ferguson, Phillips and Gossett
1	A MOTION supportin	g the federal Patient Protection and
2	Affordable Care Act.	
3	WHEREAS, in King County, over one hundred fifty thousand residents, more	
4	than twelve percent of the population, do not have health insurance, and	
5	WHEREAS, the lack of health	n insurance is a major barrier for King County
6	residents in obtaining needed and preventative health care, and	
7	WHEREAS, the inability to a	ccess affordable health care in a timely manner
8	leads to uninsured individuals delaying and deferring care until an ailment becomes an	
9	emergency, which is more costly and	leads to worse health outcomes, and
10	WHEREAS, through Public H	lealth - Seattle & King County, King County
11	provides a wide variety of health rela	ed services, including health care for low-income
12	residents, with the goal of protecting and improving the health and well-being of all	
13	people in King County, and	
14	WHEREAS, on July 16, 2009	, the board of health of King County unanimously
15	passed a resolution urging Congress t	o enact health reform with the principle of giving all
16	people access to affordable, comprehe	ensive health care services on an equitable basis so
17	that all individuals can access the righ	t care in the right place at the right time, and
18	WHEREAS, the federal Patier	t Protection and Care Act will benefit King County
19	residents by: providing access to insu	rance for uninsured individuals with preexisting

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20	conditions; prohibiting health insurance companies from imposing preexisting condition	
21	exclusions on children's coverage; extending dependent coverage to young people up to	
22	age twenty-six; strengthening community health centers; and providing tax credits to	
23	small businesses that contribute to provide health insurance to employees;	
24	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:	
25	A. King County recognizes that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable	
26	Care Act will directly benefit many King County residents that lack health care insurance	
27	or are underinsured.	
28	B. King County supports the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	
29	as advancing the goal of all people having access to affordable, comprehensive health	
30	care services on an equitable basis.	
31	C. King County supports Washington state Governor Christine Gregoire's	
32	position that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is in the interests of	
<u>33</u>	the state of Washington, and opposes Washington state Attorney General Rob McKenna's	
34	participation in a	

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- 35 lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
- 36 Act purportedly on behalf of the state of Washington.

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Motion 13219 was introduced on 3/29/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/10/2010, 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:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None