



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

March 21, 2011

Motion 13450

Proposed No. 2011-0101.1

**Sponsors Phillips, Ferguson, Patterson and
McDermott**

1 A MOTION urging the Washington state Legislature to
2 enact the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act to fund and construct
3 projects to prevent and clean up stormwater pollution in
4 King County and statewide.

5 WHEREAS, contaminated stormwater runoff is a major water pollution problem
6 in the state fouling aquifers, streams, rivers, lakes and Puget Sound, and

7 WHEREAS, King County and other local governments are required by the federal
8 Clean Water Act and the 1987 Water Quality Act to prevent, control and provide
9 treatment for stormwater to the extent practicable within our jurisdictions, and

10 WHEREAS, one of the top priorities of the Puget Sound partnership is reducing
11 and mitigating the impacts of stormwater pollution to promote recovery and clean up of
12 Puget Sound, and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the burden of stormwater pollution is
14 a function of both increased volumes of stormwater runoff due to the expansion of
15 impervious surfaces and the toxic substances that pollute the runoff, and

16 WHEREAS, addressing stormwater pollution is a challenging task because the
17 sources of pollution are widespread and diffuse and it is difficult for local governments to
18 regulate the toxic substances that contaminate stormwater runoff and result in nonpoint
19 source pollution, and

20 WHEREAS, local governments and residents statewide continue to struggle with
21 the impacts of the economic recession, high unemployment, and the need to stimulate the
22 economy and create jobs, and

23 WHEREAS, activities that address stormwater contamination, including building
24 and retrofitting urban, suburban, and rural infrastructure would generate job growth
25 especially in the construction sector and related trades, and

26 WHEREAS, the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act which is Senate Bill 5604 and
27 House Bill 1735, as originally introduced would address these issues by creating a
28 funding source for state and local projects or activities that mitigate or prevent
29 contamination from toxic stormwater pollutants, and

30 WHEREAS, the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act as originally proposed would levy a
31 one percent fee on first possession of petroleum products, fertilizers, herbicides and
32 pesticides, which are responsible for a significant portion of the contaminated runoff,
33 and

34 WHEREAS, the fee would generate approximately one hundred eighty million
35 dollars each year and would provide eleven million dollars per year dedicated to
36 Washington state Department of Transportation projects to address toxic stormwater
37 pollution, three million per year in grants for organizations developing stormwater
38 prevention and treatment technologies and one hundred thirty million dollars in grants for
39 local government subject to the national pollutant discharge elimination system municipal
40 stormwater permits for local capital improvement projects addressing stormwater
41 projects, and

42 WHEREAS, the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act would advance important goals:
43 providing funding for state and local governments' obligations for stormwater pollution
44 prevention and clean up, creating construction jobs, and improving water quality for
45 waterways throughout the state impacted by toxic stormwater; and

46 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 5604 and House Bill 1735 were introduced in the
47 Washington state Legislature this session with broad support locally and statewide from
48 the Environmental Priorities Coalition, Association of Washington Cities, Washington
49 State Association of Counties, Washington State Labor Council and Cascadia Green
50 Building Council;

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

52 The metropolitan King County council urges the Washington state Legislature to
53 enact the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act, which is Senate Bill 5604 and House Bill 1735 as a
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55 means to fund needed projects to address stormwater pollution and create jobs in King
56 County and statewide.
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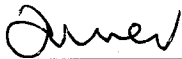
Motion 13450 was introduced on 2/22/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 3/21/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson and Mr. McDermott
No: 3 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn
Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Mr. Ferguson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None