



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 18, 2012**

**Motion 13735**

**Proposed No. 2012-0365.2**

**Sponsors Dunn**

1                   A MOTION regarding cyberbullying in unincorporated  
2                   King County.

3                   WHEREAS, Bill Belsey, a global leader in child bullying advocacy, describes  
4                   cyberbullying as involving the use of information and communication technologies to  
5                   support deliberate, repeated and hostile behavior by an individual or group, that is  
6                   intended to harm others, and

7                   WHEREAS, a cyber predator is an individual who uses information and  
8                   communication technologies, including social media, to hunt for potential victims to take  
9                   advantage of in any way, including sexually, emotionally, psychologically or financially,  
10                  and

11                  WHEREAS, the online safety of the people of King County is prioritized in the  
12                  King County Strategic Plan, Justice and Safety objective of keeping people safe in their  
13                  homes and communities, and

14                  WHEREAS, cyberbullying and cyber predators have been identified by law  
15                  enforcement agencies and child advocacy organizations throughout the country as issues  
16                  of critical importance, and

17                  WHEREAS, the King County sheriff's office is responsible for investigating all  
18                  crimes, including those circumstances where cyberbullying becomes potential criminal  
19                  activity;

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

21 The sheriff is requested to transmit a report on cyberbullying in unincorporated  
22 King County in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy filed with the clerk of  
23 the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all  
24 councilmembers by October 19, 2012. The report should include:

25 A. The annual number and status of investigations that are associated with  
26 cyberbullying, including those involving cyber predators, in unincorporated King County  
27 and as compared to national trends;

28 B. The sheriff's approach toward prevention and investigation of cyberbullying;  
29 and

30 C. Additional resources, such as for training, that could reasonably be applied to  
31 address and support the scale of cyberbullying in unincorporated King County.  
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Motion 13735 was introduced on 9/4/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 9/17/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr.  
McDermott  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None