



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15620

Proposed No. 2020-0116.1

Sponsors Balducci, Dunn, McDermott,
Upthegrove, Lambert, Zahilay and Kohl-
Welles

1 A MOTION extending the due dates for reports, studies
2 and other work products to be transmitted to the King
3 County council to ensure executive agencies can prioritize
4 responding to the COVID-19 outbreak in King County.

5 WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus first appeared in people in Wuhan, China, in
6 December 2019, and

7 WHEREAS, public health - Seattle & King County activated the Public Health
8 Departmental Emergency Operations Center on January 21, 2020, for a significant health
9 emergency caused by novel coronavirus, and

10 WHEREAS, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is one of the eleven airports in
11 the United States to receive and process travelers from the region where the COVID-19
12 outbreak originated, and

13 WHEREAS, the first case of COVID-19 identified in the United States occurred
14 in January in a Snohomish County resident who had traveled to China, and cases have
15 since been spread through community transmission in Snohomish and King counties, and

16 WHEREAS, as of March 4, 2020, thirty-nine people in Washington state have
17 been diagnosed with and ten people have died from COVID-19, and

18 WHEREAS, according to Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, new

19 COVID-19 cases are likely to double every six days, and

20 WHEREAS, the emergency may become a pandemic, and

21 WHEREAS, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to the
22 new cases of COVID-19 in Washington state on February 29, 2020, and

23 WHEREAS, the King County executive issued a proclamation of emergency on
24 March 1, 2020, in order to exercise the executive's emergency powers, and

25 WHEREAS, through passage of motions and adoption of ordinances, the King
26 County council delineates the reports, studies and other work products from executive
27 agencies needed to support the council's work as the county's policy making body;

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

29 A. The King County council acknowledges the extraordinary efforts being
30 undertaken by county agencies to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

31 B. Through this motion, the King County council expresses that it will accept
32 reports, studies and other work products, including proviso responses, from executive
33 agencies that were either requested by motion or required by ordinance to be transmitted
34 to the council in 2020, up to sixty days after their requested or required transmittal date.

35 C. The King County council further expresses that it intends to collaborate with
36 the regional policy committee, regional transit committee and regional water quality

37 committee to jointly establish extended time limits for regional committees to review and
38 recommend action on legislation.

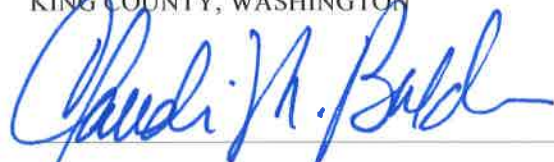
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Motion 15620 was introduced on 3/10/2020 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 3/10/2020, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr.
Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Balducci and
Mr. Zahilay
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn



KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Claudia Balducci, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None