



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15668

Proposed No. 2020-0255.2

Sponsors Lambert

1 A MOTION requesting the executive develop a plan to
2 implement the recommendations in the department of
3 community and human services and public health - Seattle
4 & King County report on the coordination of the delivery
5 of benefits and services for low-income King County
6 residents and explore additional recommendations to
7 improve the coordination of benefits for individuals held in
8 King County jail facilities.

9 WHEREAS, King County provides benefits and services to low-income residents
10 for physical and behavioral health in addition to support for basic needs related to food,
11 housing and transportation for children, youth and families, veterans, older adults and
12 individuals experiencing homelessness, and

13 WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 18835,
14 Section 62, Proviso P2, regarding community and human services administration, and
15 Ordinance 18835, Section 98, Proviso P1, regarding public health administration,
16 requested a report on the coordination of the delivery of benefits and services to residents
17 in poverty that includes community engagement, an assessment of the role of technology
18 in improving the coordination of benefits and recommendations based on community
19 engagement and technology assessments to improve the integration of the benefits and

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20 services provided to residents in poverty, and

21 WHEREAS, Proposed Motions 2019-0414 and 2019-0415 were transmitted in
22 September 2019 in accordance with the provisos request for progress reports on the
23 coordination of the delivery of benefits and services to residents in poverty and Proposed
24 Motions 2020-0195 and 2020-0196 were transmitted in May 2020 and include the final
25 reports on the coordination of the delivery of benefits and services to residents in poverty,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the final report included four key recommendations that the report
28 indicates are intended to form a comprehensive approach to better coordinate the delivery
29 of benefits and services and improve the customer's experience, and

30 WHEREAS, the report recommendations include tailoring service combinations
31 in ways that work best for specific population groups, integrating projects across the most
32 common programs that serve the same customers, prioritizing more coordination across
33 county departments that serve the same customers and supporting cross-sector
34 countywide and statewide efforts to coordinate systems;

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

36 A. The council requests that the executive develop a plan to implement the
37 recommendations in the report on the coordination of the delivery of benefits and
38 services for low-income King County residents dated May 29, 2020.

39 B. The plan should focus on services that improve the lives of families with
40 young children, people involved in the criminal justice system, people who are
41 experiencing homelessness and low-income veterans and older adults, and should include
42 detailed descriptions of:

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43 1. How programs that help individuals and families navigate King County's
44 social services such as "Help Me Grow" and "Senior Hubs" will be sustainably integrated
45 into King County's public service programming;

46 2. How King County government will increase coordination between
47 departments when these departments serve the same customers including, but not limited
48 to, the department of community and human services, public health - Seattle & King
49 County, the department of public defense, the Metro transit department and the
50 department of adult and juvenile detention. The description should include information
51 about what interbranch and multidepartment work teams exist or could exist in order to
52 cross-train staff, share information and increase service coordination across agencies to
53 improve the coordination of benefits for residents including a focus on low-income
54 residents in King County;

55 3. How King County government will support local cross-sector efforts to
56 coordinate systems that exist within King County, such as the HealthierHere community
57 information exchange system to strengthen clinical-community linkages;

58 4. How discharge planning will be improved for individuals who spend fourteen
59 or more consecutive days, or twenty-one cumulative days annually, in King County jail
60 facilities in order to better link them with relevant public services upon their release; and

61 5. The current status of King County technology solutions related to low-
62 income service provision including the client outcomes reporting engine, health and
63 housing data dashboard, the department of community and human services and public
64 health - Seattle & King County integrated data hub and the integration of electronic
65 health records used by the behavioral health and recovery division, public health centers,

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66 and jail health services.

67 C. By no later than January 31, 2022, the executive should file the plan and a
68 motion acknowledging receipt of the plan, in the form of a paper original and an
69 electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an
70 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the policy staff director

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71 and the lead staff for the community, health and housing services committee, or its
72 successor.
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Motion 15668 was introduced on 7/21/2020 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/18/2020, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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Claudia Balducci, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None