



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 9, 2002**

**Ordinance 14412**

**Proposed No.** 2002-0266.2

**Sponsors** Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE reorganizing the office of public  
2 defense; creating a public defender; amending Ordinance  
3 383, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.020 and  
4 adding new sections to K.C.C. 2.60.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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SECTION 1. Ordinance 383, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.020 are

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hereby amended to read as follows:

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**Office of the public defender established.** There is hereby established within

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the department of community and human ~~((resources))~~ services the ~~((public defense~~

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program)) office of the public defender. A~~((n administrator of the defense program))~~

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public defender shall be appointed by the director of the department of ~~((human resources~~

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~~director))~~ community and human services and approved by the county council. To assist

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the director in the selection of a ~~((n administrator))~~ public defender, there shall be

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convened an advisory committee, which shall be representative of the criminal justice

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system and the broader community.

18            NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2.60 a  
19 new section to read as follows:

20            **Public defender established.** There is hereby established a public defender  
21 reporting to the director of the department of community and human services. The public  
22 defender shall be a licensed attorney with prior experience in public defense and  
23 management. The director of the department of community and human services shall  
24 appoint the public defender from a list of three names submitted by the advisory  
25 committee. The appointment of the public defender is subject to confirmation by the  
26 county council.

27            NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2.60 a  
28 new section to read as follows:

29            **Public defender -- duties.** The duties of the public defender shall include the  
30 following:

- 31            A. Manage the office of the public defender;
- 32            B. Represent the department in all city, county, state and federal forums where  
33 the defense perspective is required; and


34 C. Develop appropriate standards and guidelines for the qualification and  
35 experience level of attorneys and paraprofessionals.

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Ordinance 14412 was introduced on 6/17/2002 and passed as amended by the  
Metropolitan King County Council on 7/8/2002, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.  
Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett,  
Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

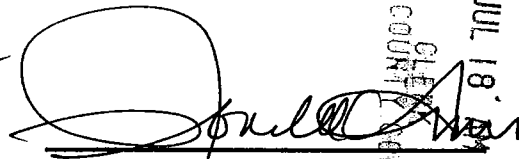
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17 day of July, 2012.

  
Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments None