



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 14, 2009**

**Motion 12909**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0013.2

**Sponsors** Constantine and Phillips

1                   A MOTION establishing the 2009 State Legislative Agenda  
2                   for King County.

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4                   WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County  
5 executive have worked together through their respective government relations staff and  
6 desire to bring their positions on issues facing the 2009 Washington state Legislature to  
7 the attention of the Washington state Legislature, and

8                   WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local  
9 governments and other organizations such as the Washington State Association of  
10 Counties, the Washington Association of County Officials, the Suburban Cities  
11 Association and the Association of Washington Cities to achieve its 2009 legislative  
12 goals, and

13                   WHEREAS, counties have been recognized by the Legislature as partners with  
14 the state in the delivery of such critical services as transportation, criminal justice, public  
15 health, community and human services and water resources, and

16                   WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the  
17 state, and

18 WHEREAS, King County's general fund suffers from a structural imbalance  
19 between the limited revenue authorities and the growth rate of expenditures, and

20 WHEREAS, the deepening national recession has resulted in dramatic budget  
21 shortfalls at all levels of government across the nation, and

22 WHEREAS, the dramatic downturn of the economy has magnified the general  
23 fund's structural problem as forecast sales tax and interest earnings deteriorate and the  
24 cost of providing services increases due to rising inflation, and

25 WHEREAS, counties currently have a limited number of options to ask local  
26 voters for additional resources for specific county services, and

27 WHEREAS, if King County is going to be able to continue delivering basic  
28 government services to our residents, it needs new flexibility and revenue tools from the  
29 state, and

30 WHEREAS, King County is dedicated to exploring with the state new ideas for  
31 sustained funding for critical services such as transportation, public safety and public  
32 health, and

33 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will  
34 continue to review legislative developments for possible revisions of King County's 2009  
35 state legislative program;

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

37 The King County council adopts the attached 2009 Legislative Agenda for King  
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39 County as King County's highest priorities for action in the 2009 legislative session of the  
40 Washington state Legislature.

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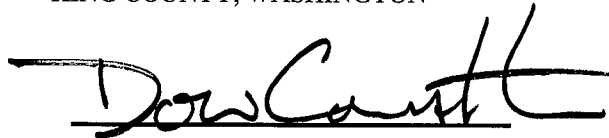
Motion 12909 was introduced on 1/12/2009 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/12/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer,  
Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

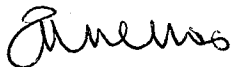
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments** A. King County's 2009 State Legislative Agenda, dated January 12, 2009, B. King County's 2009 Statement of State Policy



Item Number	Department	Title	Description
1.	<p>Executive, Council, Prosecutor, Superior Court, District Court, Sheriff, Department of Public Health, Department of Community and Human Services</p>	<p>County Fiscal Health Package – Flexibility Bill for Existing County Funding Authorities; Local Option Unincorporated Utility Tax; New Regional Public Health and Safety Funding Source; Dedicated New Public Health Funding Option</p>	<p><b>A. Flexibility Bill for Existing County Funding Authorities – King</b> County advocates for more flexibility in setting local fees and revenue sources to recover the costs of service delivery.</p> <p><b>B. Local Option Unincorporated Utility Tax – King County</b> advocates for legislation that provides councilmanic utility tax for counties for criminal justice and local services.</p> <p><b>C. New Regional Public Health and Safety Funding Source – King</b> County advocates for revenue tools for our state mandated services such as criminal justice and public health.</p> <p><b>D. Dedicated New Public Health Funding Option – King County</b> supports the creation of a predictable and long-term funding source, funding that grows at a rate equal to the rate of doing business, for public health statewide, and to authorize appropriate revenue options for local health jurisdictions to raise funds to protect and promote the public's health. <i>(This could be as many as 4 bills or as few as 1 bill)</i></p>
2.	Executive	Sales Tax Credit to Facilitate North Highline Annexation; Halt the practice of annexing the highest revenue generating areas of unincorporated areas; PAA Transfers to Cities	<p><b>A. Sales Tax Credit to Facilitate North Highline Annexation -</b> Implement the North Highline Mediation agreement which calls for legislation that gives Burien parity funding with Seattle, and makes this funding tool available to Seattle.</p> <p><b>B. Halt the practice of annexing the highest revenue generating areas of unincorporated areas – King County</b> supports changes to statutes that eliminate the ability of jurisdictions to annex the revenue generating unincorporated areas and leave behind the neighborhoods that don't pay for themselves.</p> <p><b>C. Potential Annexation Area (PAA) Transfers to Cities – King County</b> supports legislation that will facilitate annexations to cities as quickly and as predictably as possible.</p>



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3.	Executive, Department of Transportation, & Department of Natural Resources and Parks	State Stimulus Package	<p><b>A. State Stimulus Package</b> – King County supports state efforts to direct federal and state resources to critical transportation, water and wastewater infrastructure projects with an emphasis on “green” infrastructure, green job creation and Puget Sound recovery. Additional special emphasis on support for transit funding for new and existing service, and aging bridge infrastructure projects such as the South Park Bridge.</p>
4.	Department of Transportation	<p>Tolling Policies; WSDOT Office of Transit Mobility — Bridge funding for transit agencies; Transit Funding Mechanisms; South Park Bridge; Construction Mitigation; WSDOT Office of Transit Mobility</p>	<p><b>A. Tolling Policies</b> – King County supports passage of legislation that would authorize tolling on SR 520 and I-90, and including the ability to use revenue collected from tolled facilities in the corridor for transit; and provides exemptions from tolling for public transit and vanpools, law enforcement and emergency vehicles.</p> <p><b>B. WSDOT Office of Transit Mobility — Bridge funding for transit agencies</b> – King County supports the use of the \$40 million expected to be available during the 2009/2011 Regional Mobility Grant program be directly distributed to transit agencies facing deficits due to substantial drop in sales tax revenues.</p> <p><b>C. Transit Funding Mechanisms</b> – Seek permanent transit funding solutions that remove/reduce the volatility of sales tax revenue, including revised transportation benefit district authority or other mechanism.</p> <p><b>D. South Park Bridge</b> – (See agenda item #3, State Stimulus Package). Absent funding support from a Federal and/or State Stimulus Package, seek specific tolling authorization for South Park Bridge as part of potential funding solution.</p> <p><b>E. Construction Mitigation</b> – Seek on-going support for transit service as part of regional highway projects such as Alaskan Way Viaduct and SR520.</p>



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5.	Department of Community and Human Services	Mental Health Treatment Funding Options; Substance Abuse Treatment Funding Options; Homelessness Funding Options; Increase Becca Funding Options for At-Risk Youth; State-Wide Funding Options of Public Defense	<p><b>F. WSDOT Office of Transit Mobility</b> – King County supports the funding for WSDOT Regional Grant Mobility Program awarded for the 2005/06 and 2007/08 biennium are re-appropriated for the projects for which the funding is currently allocated.</p> <p><b>A. Mental Health Treatment Funding Options; Substance Abuse Treatment Funding Options; Homelessness Funding Options</b> – King County supports funding options for mental health and substance abuse treatment, including increases to non-Medicaid funding. King County supports funding options to support housing and other programs to benefit the homeless as outlined by the King County Committee to End Homelessness.</p> <p><b>B. Increase Becca Funding Options for At-Risk Youth</b> – King County supports Becca program funding options to pay actual costs incurred by the county. These cases (At-Risk Youth, CHINS and Truancy) are funded by the state on a block grant to the county, regardless of actual costs to serve this variable caseload. Any proposed changes to the Becca bill must include funding options for actual public defense costs.</p> <p><b>C. Public Defense Funding</b> – King County seeks public defense funding options for criminal cases to help defray county costs.</p>
6.	Department of Natural Resources and Parks	Immunity for FCZD for Flood Prevention and Related Actions; Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) II; Puget Sound Partnership; Salmon Recovery	<p><b>A. Immunity for Flood Control Zone Districts (FCZD) for Flood Prevention and Related Actions</b> – King County supports clarification amendment to RCW 86.12.037 (County Flood Control statute). Goal of amendment is to extend existing county immunity provided for in RCW 86.12.037 to flood control zone districts (FCZD) and to cross reference fact that services provided by counties to FCZDs are covered by the immunity clause.</p> <p><b>B. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) II</b> – King County supports the inclusion of the acquisition &amp; development of trails as allowable uses of Real</p>



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7.	Department of Development and Environmental Services	Funding  Public Benefit Rating System; Shoreline Management Act Clarification	<p>Estate Excise Tax (REET) II.</p> <p><b>C. Puget Sound Partnership</b> – King County supports funding for the Puget Sound Partnership including local, state allocations and financial incentives for Puget Sound recovery actions.</p> <p><b>D. Salmon Recovery Funding</b> – King County supports maintaining existing levels of state funding for Salmon Recovery Funding Board projects and, \$400K for the Lead Entity grants program.</p> <p><b>A. Public Benefit Rating System</b> – King County supports amendments to state statutes establishing standards for the public benefit rating system to allow participants to transfer between programs without penalty. This could make the program more of an incentive to property owners impacted by limitations designed to protect the environment.</p> <p><b>B. Shoreline Management Act Clarification</b> – Amend Sec. 1, Ch. 321, Laws of 2003 to clarify that critical areas are governed by CAOs until the local government adopts a comprehensive update of its shoreline master program.</p>
8.	Department of Executive Services	Allow for a longer period of time to redeem bonds; Clarify requirement for leasing arrangements the county may use to construct and pay for projects that are not normally leased	<p><b>A. Allow for a longer period of time to redeem bonds</b> – King County supports an amendment to RCW 84.55.050(4)(C) that would exempt certain County capital projects financed with proceeds of voter-approved levy lid lift over a longer period than the nine year limitation currently authorized by statute.</p> <p><b>B. Clarify requirement for leasing arrangements the county may use to construct and pay for projects that are not normally leased</b> – King County supports an amendment to RCW 35.42.070 that would clarify a requirement for leasing arrangements the county may use to construct and pay for projects that are not normally leased, like jails, courthouses and similar non-commercial uses.</p>



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9.	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention	Change to the definition of Confinement; Earned Release & Credit for Time Served (Pre-Sentence); Community Restitution	<p><b>A. Change to the definition of Confinement</b> – King County supports expanding the definition of "confinement" for juvenile offenders and Becca youth in RCW 13.40.020 (5) to include day and evening reporting programs.</p> <p><b>B. Earned Release &amp; Credit for Time Served (Pre-Sentence)</b> – King County supports adding minor language changes to RCW 9.94A.680 to allow earned release and credit for time served (pre-sentence) for non-custody alternatives to incarceration.</p> <p><b>C. Community Restitution</b> – King County supports clarifying the provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) language to allow the use of community restitution work as a judicial sentencing option</p>
10.	Superior Court	Washington State Dependency CASA Funding; Washington State Becca Funding	<p><b>A. Washington State Dependency CASA Funding</b> – King County supports additional funding options to increase the number of children represented by CASA.</p> <p><b>B. Washington State Becca Funding</b> – King County supports increased funding options of the Becca program in order for the courts to meet the original intent of the Becca legislation: to reduce runaway and truant behavior, increase child protection and family reunification, and reduce drug/alcohol use and criminal behavior.</p>
11.	Department Judicial Administrations	Fees Collected by County Clerks	<p><b>A. Fees Collected by County Clerks</b> – King County supports the Clerk's Fee Clean Up bill. This bill makes changes to 36.18 and increases some of the fees within that statute, it also adds a fee to file a creditor's claim.</p>
12.	Executive - Climate Team	Electrified Transportation	<p><b>A. Electrified Transportation</b> – King County supports legislation that promotes the rapid deployment of electric vehicle infrastructure and batteries, promotes consumer adoption of electric vehicles, and supports the electric vehicle industry through investment in R&amp;D.</p>
13.	Judicial	Additional District	<p>Authorization for five additional King County Court judges, subject to</p>





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# King County's 2009 State Legislative Agenda

Attachment A  
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Item Number	Department	Title	Description
	Administration	Court Judge Positions	appropriation of the necessary funds.
14.	DNRP, Solid Waste Division	Waste-to-Energy	Add waste-to-energy as an alternative energy source.
15.	Assessments	Horse Boarding as Agricultural Use	Include horse boarding as an agricultural use for the purpose [of] the open space property tax exemption.



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Attachment B  
December 17, 2008  
Motion #####

Item Number	Department	Title	Description
1.	Council	SIDS Legislation; King County Library System Board	<p><b>A. SIDS Legislation</b> – King County supports legislation, sponsored by Rep. Ruth Kagi intended to improve the way child fatalities are addressed in the state.</p> <p><b>B. King County Library System Board</b> - Amend RCW 27.12.190, which governs the size of the governing board of large library systems, to increase the allowable size of the board to include at least 7 trustees.</p>
2.	Executive	Climate action and green jobs; Land use and growth management; Limiting Authority of BRB to expand annexations; Capital Grants; Extension of sales tax credit to cities to fund annexations	<p><b>A. Climate action and green jobs</b> – King County supports the advancement of the Western Climate Initiative. Additionally, King County supports legislation that provides incentives and funding for local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for local climate change impacts.</p> <p><b>B. Land use and growth management</b> – King County supports efforts to incorporate climate change into the Growth Management Act and comprehensive planning</p> <p><b>C. Limiting Authority of BRB to expand annexations</b> – Support legislation clarifying restoration of the Boundary Review Board's authority to expand a proposed annexation by up to 100% of the initially proposed annexation area.</p> <p><b>D. Capital Grants</b> – Support the creation of a state capital grant fund to invest in infrastructure needs of urban Potential Annexation Areas.</p> <p><b>E. Extension of sales tax credit to cities to fund annexations</b> - King County supports extension of the current sales tax credit to cities to fund annexations "sunset date" from January of 2010 to December 31, 2012.</p>
3.	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention	Legislative proposals that affect enforcement of	<p><b>A. Legislative proposals that affect enforcement of criminal laws, sentencing policy, or the processing of in-custody inmates</b> – King County believes that such bills should either be jail population and cost neutral or provide their own funding and capacity mechanisms. In all</p>



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		<p>criminal laws, sentencing policy, or the processing of in-custody inmates; Revisions to "Community DOSA"</p>	<p>cases, a local fiscal note should be prepared that contains county-by-county estimates of impact.</p> <p><b>B. Revisions to "Community DOSA"</b> – King County supports revisions to the bill as it has left the Superior Court, Prosecutor and defense agencies unhappy with many of the provisions.</p>
4.	<p>Department of Community and Human Services DCHS MHCADSD</p>	<p>Mentally Ill Offender and Community Integration Assistance Program Funding; Changes in the Criminal Insanity Statute; Youth Treatment Expansion Funds; Increase in Outpatient Substance Abuse Vendor Rates; Involuntary Treatment Act</p>	<p><b>A. Mentally Ill Offender and Community Integration Assistance Program Funding</b> - King County supports funding increases for the Mentally Ill Offender – Community Transition Program (MIO-CTP); and the Community Integration Assistance Program (CIAP).</p> <p><b>B. Changes in the Criminal Insanity Statute</b> - King County supports changes in the criminal insanity statute (Chapter 10.77 RCW) that would result in efficiencies in the competency process and will reduce the time individuals spend in jail.</p> <p><b>C. Youth Treatment Expansion Funds</b> - King County supports reinstatement of youth treatment expansion funds.</p> <p><b>D. Increase in Outpatient Substance Abuse Vendor Rates - Meet</b> recommended rates in the Sorensen Rate Study; without increases there is a real possibility that some private nonprofits may be forced to close as they are unable to absorb the cost of uncompensated care.</p> <p><b>E. Involuntary Treatment Act Filing Fee</b> - King County supports amending RCW 36.18.020 to exempt involuntary treatment act petitions from court filing fee collections.</p>



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	DCHS OPD	Filing Fee Public Defense Dependency Funds; Clarification of appointment of counsel on termination of parental rights; Waiver of fees for access to court records	<p>F. <b>Public Defense Dependency Funds</b> - King County supports expanding funding of dependency public defense to provide full funding of dependency cases across all counties.</p> <p>G. <b>Clarification of appointment of counsel on termination of parental rights</b> - A clarification of HB 1624 (2007) is needed regarding the process of reinstatement of parental rights following termination of parental rights. It is unclear when or whether counsel is to be appointed for the parent. This has a direct impact on OPD.</p> <p>H. <b>Waiver of fees for access to court records</b> - King County supports amending RCW 36.18.016 (4) to exempt the following parties and persons from fees collected for copies of court records [hardcopy files or accessed from electronic records (including web and remote access)]: judges, court staff, court administration, prosecutors, and public defense attorneys.</p>
	DCHS DDD	Early Intervention Funding; School Transition Funding	I. <b>Early Intervention Funding</b> - King County supports legislation that allocates County funding to ensure every birth-to-three year old child with disabilities has access to appropriate early intervention services, which are an entitlement.
	DCHS H&CD, CSD	Housing Trust Fund; THOR/ THORA Funding	<p>J. <b>School Transition Funding</b> - King County supports legislation that provides County funding to ensure that there are appropriate employment services that lead to employment for all individuals with developmental disabilities transitioning from public schools.</p> <p>K. <b>Housing Trust Fund</b> - King County supports maintaining funding for the State Housing Trust Fund to \$200 million for the biennium.</p> <p>L. <b>THOR/THORA Funding</b> - King County supports legislation to maintain or increase the Transitional Housing Operating and Rental Assistance Program (THOR/THORA), which provides operating and rental</p>



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	DCHS CSD	End Source of Income Discrimination; Community Mobilization for Drug Abuse and Violence Protection	<p>assistance funding to homeless families.</p> <p><b>M. End Source of Income Discrimination</b> - King County supports legislation to make it unlawful to deny tenancy to individuals solely on the basis of their source of legal income, such as social security, child support, alimony, SSI, section 8 vouchers or any other governmental or non-profit subsidy.</p> <p><b>N. Community Mobilization for Drug Abuse and Violence Protection</b> - King County supports maintaining the Violence Reduction Drug Education Account (VRDE) funds to support community mobilization for drug abuse and violence protection.</p>
5.	Department of Development and Environmental Services  DDES/LUSD	Infrastructure Investment  Clean Water Act Qualified Local Programs; Subdivisions; Permit Counties to Administer Hydraulic Project and Forest Practice Approval	<p><b>A. Infrastructure Investment</b> King County supports the objectives of the Infrastructure Coalition, which is not only trying to address the Urban Growth Area infrastructure gap, but also to better align state infrastructure priorities and funding with growth management objectives. Urban infrastructure needs are severe in transportation, water, sewer, storm water, and other capital areas.</p> <p><b>B. Clean Water Act Qualified Local Programs</b> - Amend RCW Ch. 90.48 to allow Ecology to approve city or county stormwater programs as "qualified local programs" under the federal clean water act.</p> <p><b>C. Subdivisions</b> - Wills cannot provide for subdividing property that is inconsistent with the local government's zoning requirements. King County and other jurisdictions have been faced with circumstances where a will divides property between several heirs, resulting in the creation of substandard lots. Make the sale, offer for sale, or transfer of fewer than five lots a violation of the state subdivision statute and allow the prosecuting attorney to bring an injunctive action. Current law applies these prohibitions only to five or more lots. King County is running into this issue with more frequency and has no good</p>



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			mechanism for addressing it under current law.
			<b>D. Permit Counties to Administer Hydraulic Project and Forest Practice Approval</b> - Amend RCW 75.20 (hydraulics) and RCW 76.09 (forest practices) to allow counties to administer those provisions in concert with local permits.
		<b>State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Categorical Exemptions</b>	<b>E. State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Categorical Exemptions</b> - Add 2 new categorical exemptions from the requirement for SEPA review: 1. In GMA jurisdictions that have adopted critical area regulations after January 1, 2004, clearing and grading on lands covered by water if there is less than 100 cubic yards of grading. 2. Class IV Forest Practices where the forest practice does not convert the land and is subject to requirements as stringent as the forest practice rules.
		<b>Funding for Habitat Acquisition</b>	<b>F. Funding for Habitat Acquisition</b> - Amend RCW 84.34.230 to increase the amount that may be levied for the conservation futures fund.
6.	Department of Executive Services	<b>E-911 for VoIP; Compensation for travel time</b>	<b>A. E-911 for VoIP</b> – King County supports legislation to establish 911 fees for service on all types of communications services that are capable of accessing 911, including wireline, wireless, and VoIP. An independent consultant study requested by the legislature supports increasing the fee in a three-tiered approach in order to ensure a stable funding mechanism for 911 service in the future. <b>B. Compensation for travel time</b> - As a response to Stevens vs. Brink's Home Security, HRD supports a bill that would clarify WA definitions of "Employ" and work to NOT include use of employer's vehicle for travel to/from work when within normal commute distance.
7.	Department of	<b>Lake Sammamish</b>	<b>A. Lake Sammamish Kokanee Salmon</b> - Support necessary levels of



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	Natural Resources and Parks	Kokanee Salmon; Clean Water Act Qualified Local Programs; Funding for Habitat Acquisition; Improvements to Local Fish Hatcheries	funding for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to implement critical conservation measures for Lake Sammamish Kokanee salmon. <b>B. Clean Water Act Qualified Local Programs</b> - King County supports amendments to RCW Ch. 90.48 to allow DOE to approve city or county stormwater programs as "qualified local programs" under the federal clean water act. <b>C. Funding for Habitat Acquisition</b> - King County supports amendments to state statutes (RCW 84.34.230) to increase the limits on Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) Fund. <b>D. Improvements to Local Fish Hatcheries</b> - Fund and implement improvements to salmon hatcheries in the Snohomish, Lake Washington, Green and White watersheds per the recommendations of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG). <b>E. Sales Tax Exemption</b> - Make clear that facilities, machinery and equipment used to produce reclaimed water and biosolids are exempt from retail sales taxes. <b>F. Appropriation – Energy Freedom Fund</b> - Support appropriation of \$1.2 million for the Energy Freedom Fund authorized by HB 1303 passed in 2007. <b>G. Solid Waste Disposal Sites</b> - Support amending RCW 4.22.070(3)(a) so publicly owned solid waste disposal sites are not subject to joint and several liability. <b>H. Alternative Contracting for Public Works</b> - Support continuation/renewal of alternative contracting procedures for public works projects authorized by Chapter 39.10 RCW. Statute currently sunsets in 2007. Also support expansion of types of alternative contracting permitted.
	DNRP WTD	Sales Tax Exemption; Appropriation – Energy Freedom Fund;	
	DNRP SWD	Solid Waste Disposal Sites; Alternative Contracting for Public Works; Lead Wheel Weights; Rainwater	



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I.		Collection; Solid Waste Disposal Districts; Solid Waste Collection	<b>Lead Wheel Weights</b> - The intent of this legislation is to ban the use of lead-based wheel weights to help prevent contamination of waterways. There is no existing law regarding this issue; however some other states have considered or past similar requirements. <b>Rainwater Collection</b> - The County has an interest working with other stakeholders to clarifying state policy to encourage responsible rainwater collection and the environmental benefits it promotes.
J.			<b>Solid Waste Disposal Districts</b> - Support amending 36.58.100 RCW to allow King County to establish solid waste disposal districts for the purpose of providing and funding solid waste disposal services.
K.			<b>Solid Waste Collection</b> - Support amending 36.58.040 RCW to clarify the intent of the requirement for counties to execute interlocal agreements if a certificated hauler possesses collection certificates in geographic areas lying in more than one county. This section has unintended consequences for solid waste collection that arguably affects a county's jurisdiction to designate disposal sites.
L.			<b>Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program</b> - King County supports the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), which provides an important source of grant funding for acquisitions of wildlife habitat and recreational lands.
M.	DNRP WLRD	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program; King Conservation District Assessment; Water Availability for Agriculture; Groundwater Monitoring/Assessment	<b>King Conservation District Assessment</b> - King County supports continuation of grant funding to augment watershed-based, local coordination efforts and other municipal stormwater permit compliance needs.
N.			<b>Water Availability for Agriculture</b> - Address the potential loss and need of water for irrigation
O.			1) Properties that have been determined as Ag lands of economic significance should not be subject to forfeiture and relinquishment





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			<p>of water rights.</p> <p>2) Properties that have been determined as Ag lands of economic significance should be allowed to develop on-farm water storage (i.e.) ponds) from winter rains even if a water right does not exist.</p> <p><b>P. Groundwater Monitoring/Assessment</b> - King County supports legislation to establish and fund statewide ambient groundwater monitoring and assessment by the Department of Ecology to develop baseline groundwater data and track trends related to quality and quantity.</p>
DNRP SWD, WLRD & Local Hazardous Waste Program		Mercury- containing lighting Product Stewardship Programs; Product Stewardship Framework; Collection of Waste Medicine; Electronics Products Recycling; Paint Product Stewardship; Reducing Exposure to Lead;	<p><b>Q. Mercury-containing lighting Product Stewardship Programs</b> - King County supports legislation that would provide for the management of mercury-containing lighting products. Legislation requiring manufacturers to fund and establish a take-back program for these products would reduce King County's costs for management of these products, reduce the amount of toxic material entering the environment and increase recycling rates.</p> <p><b>R. Product Stewardship Framework</b> - King County supports overall product stewardship framework legislation. Framework legislation would create a basic legal structure under which product stewardship program can be implemented. It would allow additional products to be added in the future without the need for further legislation. Additionally, King County supports individual product legislation for mercury-containing lighting products, tires and unwanted medicine and paint.</p> <p><b>S. Collection of Waste Medicine</b> - Support legislation will require drug manufacturers that sell products in Washington to develop, fund and implement a take-back system for unwanted, unused or left-over</p>



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	<p>Toxics Use Reduction/Safe Chemicals Policy; Reducing Childhood Exposure to Toxic Chemicals; Regulation of Pesticides Use/Promotion of Integrated Pest Management; Body Burden/Bio-monitoring; Green Cleaning/Green Purchasing Policies</p>	<p>medicines, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs from households.</p> <p><b>T. Electronics Products Recycling</b> - Support legislation to expand the list of electronic products included in WA's Electronic Products Recycling Law, which is currently limited to televisions, computers and monitors.</p> <p><b>U. Paint Product Stewardship</b> - Support legislation to establish a paint take-back program in Washington financed by a fee on paint and implemented by the manufacturers; an industry-funded program to collect and manage leftover paint using a pass-through cost to consumers, as part of a national paint initiative.</p> <p><b>V. Reducing Exposure to Lead</b> - Support legislation to reduce lead exposure would implement the recommendations developed by the Lead Chemical Action Plan (CAP).</p> <p><b>W. Toxics Use Reduction/Safe Chemicals Policy</b> - Support legislation to reduce use of toxic chemicals and promote use of safer chemicals.</p> <p><b>X. Reducing Childhood Exposure to Toxic Chemicals</b> - Support legislation to clarify processes for implementation and/or intent of the Children's Safe Products Act (CSPA), enacted in 2008. Oppose legislative proposals to weaken the provisions of the CSPA, especially protect requirements for creating a list of chemicals of concern for children and disclosure by manufacturers if their products contain chemicals of concern.</p> <p><b>Y. Regulation of Pesticides Use/Promotion of Integrated Pest Management</b> - Support legislative proposals to require tracking and reporting of pesticides use, reduce use of high hazard pesticides, and promote adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) policies. Support creation of a statewide hazard classification system for</p>	



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8.	<p>Department of Public Health</p> <p>Public Health - CHS</p>	<p>School Health programs</p> <p>Family Planning; Medicaid; Child Health Care statute; E-signature</p>	<p>pesticides, similar to the Tier Table system utilized by King County and the City of Seattle.</p> <p><b>Z. Body Burden/Bio-monitoring</b> - Support creation of a Washington state biomonitoring program focused on identifying priority exposures for the most vulnerable populations and setting priorities for and assessing effectiveness of regulatory actions. Oppose chemical industry efforts to limit definition of toxic chemical or restrict dissemination of biomonitoring data. "Biomonitoring" describes measuring of environmental chemicals in people by analyzing blood, urine, and breast milk samples for pollutants, synthetic chemicals, and industrial compounds.</p> <p><b>AA. Green Cleaning/Green Purchasing Policies</b> - Support legislation promoting green cleaning practices and implementation of green purchasing policies to promote use of safer products with reduced risk of harm to humans or the environment.</p> <p><b>A. School Health programs</b> - King County supports legislation that coordinates and expands school health programs and school-based health centers.</p> <p><b>B. Family Planning</b> - King County supports legislation that would enhance Reproductive Health services and the implementation of the Health Youth Act, provide flexibility for funding opportunities and remove barriers for the collection of sexual health data.</p> <p><b>C. Medicaid</b> - King County supports efforts to enhance Medicaid coverage and eligibility requirements.</p> <p><b>D. Child Health Care statute</b> - King County supports efforts to fully implement all aspects of the "Cover All Kids" law.</p> <p><b>E. E-signature</b> - King County supports developing an electronic signature (E Signature) for use in facilitating online enrollments.</p>



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	Public Health - Prevention	Tobacco Prevention; Obesity Epidemic/Healthy Eating; Vaccines; Women's Health	<p><b>F. Tobacco Prevention</b> - King County supports legislation that would enhance services related to Tobacco prevention and cessation programs, Youth Access to Tobacco legislation, smoke free areas, regulations that protect children from second hand smoke, and administrative actions against retail cigarette and tobacco licensees for non-payment of taxes.</p> <p>King County opposes efforts to weaken the smoking ban.</p>
			<p><b>G. Obesity Epidemic/Healthy Eating</b> - King County supports legislative efforts that address the statewide obesity epidemic while retaining local authority for obesity-related initiatives, any and all efforts to increase access to healthy foods in schools, worksites and communities, especially to underserved populations, and incentives for coordination of community coalitions and efforts statewide that identify and support policy strategies to prevent obesity.</p>
			<p><b>H. Vaccines</b> - King County opposes efforts to create additional state regulations of Thimirasal in vaccines.</p>
			<p><b>I. Women's Health</b> - King County supports enhancements to the Washington Breast and Cervical Health Program (WBCHP) including colorectal cancer screening.</p>
Public Health – Environmental Health and Prevention Divisions	Active Living; Land Use & Built Environment / Active Transportation	<p><b>J. Active Living</b> - King County supports increased access to physical activity in schools and communities. Examples include the Safe Routes to Schools program, crosswalk and sidewalk improvements, pedestrian and bicycle links, after-hour recreational facilities, and implementing physical activity guidelines for preschools and child care facilities consistent with NASPE recommendations for infants and toddlers.</p>	
			<p><b>K. Land Use &amp; Built Environment/Active Transportation</b> - King County supports legislation that avoids, minimizes or mitigate the public health</p>



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	Public Health - Environmental Health	Children's Safe Products Act; Collection of Waste Medicine; Safe Drinking Water in Schools; Reducing Pesticide Use; Improved Chemicals Regulation; Green Cleaning/Green Purchasing Policies; Body Burden/Bio-monitoring	<p>impacts of land use policies and planning, and that enhances opportunities to use active modes of transportation.</p> <p><b>L. Children's Safe Products Act</b> - King County supports the implementation of the Children's Safe Products Act, including legislation to clarify processes for the Act's implementation and/or intent.</p> <p>King County opposes any efforts to weaken the Act.</p> <p><b>M. Collection of Waste Medicine</b> - King County supports efforts to require drug manufacturers that sell products in Washington State to develop, fund, and implement a state-wide take back system for unwanted, unused, or left-over medicines, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs.</p> <p><b>N. Safe Drinking Water in Schools</b> - King County supports authorizing the WA State Department of Health to establish, by rule, water quality standards for lead, copper, cadmium, and corrosion levels within schools, including water quality testing, public notification, and corrective action and follow-up monitoring and reporting requirements.</p> <p><b>O. Reducing Pesticide Use</b> - King County supports legislation and funding authorizing the WA State Dept of Health to establish, by rule, lists designating certain products as "high hazard pesticides" and to restrict their use in and on school facilities for the protection of students and staff.</p> <p>King County supports legislative proposals to require tracking and reporting of pesticides use, reduce use of high hazard pesticides, and promote adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) policies.</p> <p><b>P. Improved Chemicals Regulation</b> - King County supports the implementation of the Washington State Department of Ecology's Lead</p>



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			<p>Chemical Action Plan recommendations.</p> <p>King County supports legislation to reduce use of toxic chemicals and promote use of safer chemicals.</p> <p>King County supports legislative proposals to protect and restore Puget Sound including measures to reduce toxic chemicals entering the Sound through toxics use reduction and shifts to use of safer alternatives.</p> <p><b>Q. Green Cleaning/Green Purchasing Policies</b> - King County supports efforts promoting green cleaning practices and implementing green purchasing policies.</p> <p><b>R. Body Burden/Bio- monitoring</b> - King County supports the creation of a Washington state bio-monitoring program focused on identifying priority exposures for the most vulnerable populations and setting priorities for and assessing effectiveness of regulatory actions.</p> <p>King County opposes chemical industry efforts to limit definition of toxic chemical or restrict dissemination of bio-monitoring data.</p>
9.	Department of Transportation DOT Metro Transit Division		<p><b>A. Flexible Boundaries for Parking Tax</b> - King County supports modification to current parking tax RCW to allow for more flexibility in dictating the boundaries of the area where the tax would be collected. RCW (82.80.030) defines the area as a jurisdiction – King County would like to see language that would allow a defined area within a jurisdiction to be taxed, such as “centers” as defined in the updated CTR law. Would allow for flexibility to raise revenue from commercial parking.</p> <p><b>B. Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) Vanshares</b> - Washington State House</p>



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	DOT Roads Services Division		<p>Bill 1820 needs to be amended to include an increase in the GVW of the "medium speed electrical vehicle" from 3,000 lbs. to 4,500 lbs.</p> <p><b>C. HOT Lanes</b> - Change to state code to allow transit vehicles to cross the double white line to change lanes (relates to HOT lanes and limited access to lanes) to allow for more efficient transit operations.</p> <p><b>D. Customer Privacy - Smart Card</b> - King County supports exempting personal information related to the Smart Card Program from public records disclosure requests to preserve customer privacy in the age of identity theft.</p> <p><b>E. Unlawful Transit Conduct</b> - Incorporates Transit Code of Conduct into state law. Current state/local laws work for Metro; this change would help other transit agencies and law enforcement agencies.</p> <p><b>F. Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Board Agenda</b> - King County supports the CTR Board and WSTA legislative proposals to support trip reduction and to build ridership on transit and vanpools.</p> <p><b>G. Exemption to car rental tax for car sharing organizations</b> - Exempt car sharing members from paying car rental tax.</p> <p><b>H. Lower vanpool passenger requirement for passengers with mobility impairments</b> - Lower number of passengers to qualify as a vanpool from 5 to 3 if a passenger has a mobility disability.</p> <p><b>I. Redistribution of federal bridge funds to regional projects</b> - Bridge replacement projects are at risk for future funding allocations. The proposed program percentage split between state and local projects disadvantage local jurisdictions. Examples of County projects that could be impacted include the South Park Bridge</p> <p><b>J. Continuation of road-related debt payments after annexation or incorporation</b> - RSD recommends new legislation to allow counties to continue to receive debt payments from property taxes that have left the</p>



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			<p>county taxing district after an area annexes or incorporates for the purposes of continued payment on debt-financed bridge or roadway improvements that serve the area. This change would help encourage counties to invest in road improvements in urban Potential Annexation Areas.</p> <p><b>K. Eligibility for CRAB Rural Arterial Program grant funding - RSD</b> recommends new legislation to make the definitions of urban and rural areas used by the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) in administering the Rural Arterial Program (RAP) consistent with the designations established in the comprehensive plans of counties planning under the Growth Management Act.</p> <p><b>L. Incentive for homeowners to retrofit inadequate stream culverts -</b> Propose a grant-type incentive program that would encourage homeowners to improve their inadequate stream culverts that are located outside of the ROW yet near locally-owned and improved culverts.</p> <p><b>M. Allow Road Maintenance Equipment to utilize HOV lanes - RSD</b> recommends that road maintenance equipment be allowed to utilize HOV lanes</p> <p><b>N. Annexing unincorporated territory to code cities -</b> Watch for any additional legislation regarding the Summit Pit Annexation Area.</p> <p><b>O. Road Fund Diversion -</b> Watch for impacts to funding sources traditionally dedicated to county roads.</p> <p><b>P. Utility relocation costs -</b> RSD opposes any legislation that shifts utility relocation costs to government in certain public rights-of-way. RSD is not aware of any current proposals, but utility companies bring it up each year.</p>





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	DOT Office of Regional Transportation Planning		<p><b>Q. Concurrency issues associated with State Highways - RSD</b> recommends that any state legislative activities regarding transportation concurrency be closely monitored.</p> <p><b>R. Urban connector arterials</b> - recognition and funding - RSD supports state recognition of the important role of urban connector roads to the region's mobility and supports additional grant funding opportunities for these roads.</p> <p><b>S. Transit Oriented Development</b> - Change to state code to allow Transit Oriented Development at state owned commuter park-and-ride lots. Seek legislation that satisfies constitutional requirements and allows joint development similar to current TODs at King County owned lots.</p>
10.	Department Judicial Administrations	Change of clerk duties	<p><b>A. Change of clerk duties</b> – Support changing the responsibility of providing notice and summons in proceedings involving the dissolution of ports and other districts and in dependency matters to the petitioner instead of the clerk.</p>
11.	Superior Court	Washington State CJS Funding; Washington State Interpreter Funding; Washington State Juror Reimbursement	<p><b>A. Washington State CJS Funding</b> - Support the Assoc. of WA State Juvenile Court Administrators' request \$6.8 million in additional state funds for Consolidated Juvenile Services (CJS) statute (RCW 13.06)</p> <p><b>B. Washington State Interpreter Funding</b> - The Superior Court seeks additional state funding to cover the increasing costs of providing state-mandated interpreter services.</p> <p><b>C. Washington State Juror Reimbursement</b> - The Superior Court supports an increase in the allowable per diem plus state support for juror costs. Under one proposal, the first day's per diem would remain unchanged (\$10 and the county's responsibility). However, all subsequent days would be covered by the state at a rate of \$60 per day. If adopted, this proposal would save the county money while increasing the per diem for jurors.</p>



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Attachment B  
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Motion #####

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>
12.	District Court	Increase fee for duplication of electronic recording of court proceeding on tape or other electronic device	A. Increase fee for duplication of electronic recording of court proceeding on tape or other electronic device - The District Court supports increasing the fee the court can charge for duplication of the electronic recording of court proceeding on tape or other electronic device, to bring the fee into alignment with superior court.