



Signature Report

May 13, 2003

Motion 11702

Proposed No. 2003-0198.1

Sponsors Lambert and Gossett

1 A MOTION relating to implementation of the Juvenile
2 Justice Operational Master Plan, authorizing the
3 preparation of a study to assess and make recommendations
4 regarding the Reinvesting in Youth savings reinvestment
5 strategy and expressing King County support for the
6 principle of savings reinvestment pending the outcome of
7 the study.

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10 WHEREAS, in 2000 the King County council, the county executive concurring,
11 unanimously approved the Juvenile Justice Operating Master Plan (JJOMP), and

12 WHEREAS, the JJOMP expressed the intent of the council to rethink the way the
13 county did the business of juvenile justice to reduce juvenile and adult crime and find
14 better ways to serve the needs of at-risk youth and families in King County, and

15 WHEREAS, pursuant to the JJOMP, major progress has been made in reducing
16 the costs of juvenile justice and implementing research-based programs that reduce
17 juvenile crime, and

18 WHEREAS, the Reinvesting in Youth program represents the logical next step in
19 JJOMP plan implementation through careful investment in cost-effective intervention
20 programs that are intended to further reduce juvenile and adult crime and reduce public
21 safety costs by more than the cost of the programs, and

22 WHEREAS, Reinvesting in Youth has obtained foundation funding to start up
23 and enhance programs that have been proven to reduce juvenile crime and the costs of
24 that crime to King County in return for a commitment to reinvest a portion of King
25 County's savings from those programs that can contribute to sustaining such services,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, funding of programs for offenders or youth at risk of involvement in
28 the juvenile justice system is a shared responsibility between the private and public
29 sectors, including not-for-profit organizations, businesses, foundations and all levels of
30 government: federal, state, county, cities and schools. Sustaining successful programs
31 sponsored by reinvesting in youth and funding their related administrative costs should
32 also be shared by all of these entities, and

33 WHEREAS, Reinvesting in Youth, with bipartisan support from legislative
34 members of its steering committee, is working to have the Washington State Institute for
35 Public Policy conduct a study to develop recommendations that would provide for the
36 reimbursement to local governments of the savings to the state that result from local
37 government investments in proven, cost-effective intervention programs for at-risk youth
38 and families, and

39 WHEREAS, to ensure multiyear support for the Reinvesting in Youth systems
40 reform initiative from foundations and from other local governments, it is essential that
41 King County also demonstrate multiyear commitment;

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

43 A. The King County council supports in principle the policy that King County
44 should reinvest at least that portion of the reduced costs of operating the juvenile justice
45 system directly attributable to new or enhanced intervention and prevention services for
46 youth and families. Implementation of this policy is contingent on satisfactory resolution
47 of the issues addressed in the study described in subsection B of this motion.

48 B. The juvenile justice operational master plan oversight committee and staff
49 shall work with the management team of Reinvesting in Youth to coordinate a study and
50 prepare recommendations that shall address but not be limited to the following issues:

51 1. What criteria should be used to certify that a program has been "proven" to be
52 effective in reducing recidivism?

53 2. What should be the methodology for establishing agreed reductions in public
54 safety costs for King County resulting from the implementation of proven programs?

55 3. What should be the processes for updating the criteria and methodology in 1
56 and 2 of this subsection?

57 4. How should long term cost reductions for King County, resulting from
58 investments in proven programs, be converted into operational, budget-based
59 reimbursements to support those programs?

60 5. What ongoing evaluation will be required to assure that proven programs are
61 implemented so that their quality and cost effectiveness are sustained?

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62 C. Reinvesting in Youth shall provide financial support for this study. The study
63 team shall take all practical steps to coordinate with and seek input from the Washington
64 State Institute for Public Policy and any other state agencies that may be involved in the
65 state study.
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Motion 11702 was introduced on 4/28/2003 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/12/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague and Mr. Irons

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Mr. McKenna and Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None