



KING COUNTY

ATTACHMENT 1

Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

June 24, 2016

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2016-0293.1

Sponsors Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to gifts, bequests and donations
2 of religious materials and texts, other educational materials,
3 and books to the inmate welfare fund; and adding a new
4 section to K.C.C. chapter 2.80.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

6 1. K.C.C. 2.80.010 requires that gifts, bequests and donations of more
7 than two thousand dollars can only be accepted upon behalf of the county
8 after approval by motion of the county council. This provision was
9 enacted in 1972.

10 2. The King County Code does however, have several exemptions to the
11 required approval process where the value of the gift, bequest or donation
12 can exceed the two thousand dollar valuation; with some of the
13 exemptions being as high as fifty thousand dollars.

14 3. The department of adult and juvenile detention is responsible for the
15 operation of two adult detention facilities housing about 1,850 inmates on
16 an average daily basis. The department must comply with federal and
17 state laws that ensure that all inmates have access to religious services and
18 materials.

19 4. The department's inmate welfare fund is used to pay for a variety of
20 inmate services, including support to volunteer programs including faith-
21 based ministry and the provision of religious materials. The department
22 also provides other educational materials and books for inmate literacy,
23 education, and recreation.

24 5. The department provides donated religious texts, brochures,
25 educational materials, and other reading materials to inmates upon request
26 without cost.

27 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

28 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2.80 a
29 new section to read as follows:

30 This chapter does not apply to gifts, bequests or donations, of under fifteen

31 thousand dollars received for the inmate welfare fund for religious materials and texts,
32 other educational materials, and books.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None