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Striking Amendment S2

Sponsor: Dunn

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Proposed No.: 2020-0183

1 **STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2020-0183, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, beginning on line 12, strike everything through page 6, line 105, and insert:

3 "WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, public health - Seattle & King County
4 confirmed the first cases of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), including one death, in
5 the county, and

6 WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness
7 or death and can easily spread from person to person; and is classified by the World
8 Health Organization as a pandemic that spreads easily from person to person and may
9 result in serious illness or death, and

10 WHEREAS, as of April 23, 2020, King County had reported 5,569 confirmed
11 cases of COVID-19, and at least 384 individuals in King County had died as a result of
12 the virus, and

13 WHEREAS, while COVID-19 is the worst pandemic to affect King County in
14 several generations, the possibility of pandemics of similar or greater impact in the future
15 is omnipresent, and changing climatic conditions are expected to multiply the threat of
16 zoonotic and other pandemics, and

17 WHEREAS, the mission of the office of emergency management is "to provide
18 for the effective direction, control and coordination of county government emergency

19 services functional units, and to provide liaison with other governments and the private,
20 nongovernmental sector, in compliance with a state-approved comprehensive emergency
21 management plan and to serve as the coordinating entity for cities, county governmental
22 departments and other appropriate agencies, during incidents and events of regional
23 significance," and the office is tasked with developing a comprehensive plan and program
24 for emergency management, and

25 WHEREAS, public health - Seattle & King County is responsible for planning
26 and developing local and regional capacity for responding to public health emergencies
27 and providing for the direction and mobilization of health resources, information and
28 personnel during emergencies and disasters in the county, and

29 WHEREAS, in 2005, Ordinance 15348 required the executive to develop a
30 pandemic influenza response plan, and

31 WHEREAS, Ordinance 15596 adopted the County's Pandemic Influenza
32 Response Plan in 2006, and Ordinance 15986 adopted an updated version of the plan the
33 following year, and

34 WHEREAS, public health - Seattle & King County has, in the past, developed
35 other planning documents relating to influenza pandemics, such as the Influenza
36 Pandemic Planning Guide for Homeless and Housing Service Providers, and

37 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic presents an emergency with similar
38 characteristics to a pandemic influenza, with public health responses generally following
39 what is contained in the Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, but future pandemics of
40 different origins may require different responses, and

41 WHEREAS, the King County office of emergency management develops and

42 maintains a number of planning documents, such as the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan,
43 the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, the Regional Coordination
44 Framework, King County continuity of operations plans and the King County Continuity
45 of Government Plan, and

46 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is the first real-world test of these plans in
47 a large-scale, global pandemic outbreak affecting King County, and the lessons learned in
48 the outbreak must be used to prepare for future pandemics, whether they be viral,
49 bacterial or parasitic in origin, and

50 WHEREAS, the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak have
51 application outside pandemic planning and should be used to prepare for other types of
52 emergencies under an all-hazards approach to emergency management;

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

54 A. The office of emergency management should work with public health - Seattle
55 & King County to update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, the
56 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Regional Coordination Framework, King County
57 continuity of operations plans, the King County Continuity of Government Plan and any
58 other relevant emergency management or disaster plans or documents to address the
59 threat of pandemics to King County, using the lessons learned from the COVID-19
60 pandemic and building upon the pandemic response plan described in section B of this
61 motion.

62 B. Public health - Seattle & King County, in coordination with the King County
63 office of emergency management, should create a new pandemic response plan and
64 update other relevant planning documents, expanding on the existing Pandemic Influenza

65 Response Plan and other emergency and disaster planning efforts, using lessons learned
66 from the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan should include the following topics, at a
67 minimum:

68 1. A response plan or plans addressing each pandemic phase identified by the
69 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including a description of the responsibilities
70 of relevant governmental and nongovernmental agencies in each pandemic phase, both
71 with and without presence of local cases;

72 2. Identification of critical infrastructure or resources that are currently lacking
73 that would be required in order to respond to pandemics, the barriers to acquiring or
74 developing the infrastructure or resources and recommendations for how to fill these
75 gaps; and

76 3. Any other information or strategies deemed appropriate by public health -
77 Seattle & King County.

78 C. The King County office of emergency management is requested to transmit all
79 updated plans and documents described in section A of this motion, and a proposed
80 motion acknowledging receipt of the updated plans and documents, by September 1,
81 2022. The plans and documents should be filed in the form of a paper original and an
82 electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and provide an
83 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff to the
84 committee of the whole or its successor.

85 D. Public health - Seattle & King County is requested to transmit the pandemic
86 response plan and other updated documents and a proposed motion acknowledging
87 receipt of the pandemic response plan and other updated documents by September 1,

88 2022. The plan and documents should be filed in the form of a paper original and an
89 electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and provide an
90 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff to the
91 committee of the whole or its successor.

92 E. The King County office of emergency management and Public health - Seattle
93 & King County are requested to provide a briefing to the council on the status of the
94 pandemic response plan and other plan updates no later than September 1, 2021."

95 **EFFECT:** Striking amendment S2 would make the following changes to striking
96 amendment S1, which was passed by the committee of the whole on June 2, 2020:

- 97 • Remove the request to discuss the types of pandemics that might impact King
98 County;
- 99 • Remove the request to include plans for continuity of operations in the pandemic
100 response plan;
- 101 • Update references to existing plans.