

## **KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

## **Signature Report**

September 19, 2006

## Ordinance 15596

**Proposed No.** 2006-0115.2

Sponsors Phillips, Hague, Gossett, Patterson, Constantine, Ferguson and Dunn

1	AN ORDINANCE adopting the Pandemic Flu Influenza
2	Response Plan as required by Ordinance 15348.
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5	STATEMENT OF FACTS:
6	1. Recognizing the need for the county to be prepared for the possibility
7	of an influenza pandemic, the King County executive transmitted in
8	October 2005 an ordinance proposing \$5.96 million to support pandemic
9	flu preparedness.
10	2. In December 2005, the King County council adopted Ordinance 15348
11	appropriating the funds proposed by the executive for the purchase of
12	antiviral medications, the development of public information and outreach
13	campaigns and the development of a medical surge plan.
14	3. In Ordinance 15348, the council included a statement of facts regarding
15	pandemic influenza, the current pandemic concern, and the county's
16	responsibilities in preparing for a possible influenza pandemic.

1 /	4. In Ordinance 13348, the council included a proviso requiring that the
18	executive, in collaboration with the office of emergency management and
19	the department of public health, transmit for the council's review and
20	approval by ordinance a cohesive and detailed pandemic influenza
21	response plan for the county, including continuity of operations planning
22	for essential government services and preparedness plans for county
23	employees.
24	5. Attachment A to this ordinance, the King County Pandemic Influenza
25	Response Plan, fulfills the requirements of the proviso, represents the
26	work of all county agencies and branches of government, and is the first
27	major milestone in the county's ongoing pandemic flu planning.
28	6. The King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan addresses the
29	county's regional roles as emergency management coordinator and public
30	health provider, governmental service provider and large employer.
31	7. The executive has also transmitted and the council approved Ordinance
32	(Proposed Ordinance 2006-0257), carrying over to 2006 the \$5.96
33	million appropriated in 2005 to support the King County Pandemic
34	Influenza Response Plan. The ordinance includes a proviso requiring the
35	executive to transmit by February 1, 2007, for the council's review and
36	approval an updated King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan
37	reflecting the next steps in the planning process.
38	8. The King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, the continued
39	planning efforts, and the supporting appropriations place the county at the

	forefront of regional pandemic flu disaster planning among local
	jurisdictions across the nation.
	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
	SECTION 1. The King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, Attachment
A to	this ordinance, is hereby adopted and approved.
	inance 15596 was introduced on 3/6/2006 and passed by the Metropolitan King inty Council on 9/18/2006, by the following vote:
	Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine and Ms. Patterson No: 0 Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer
	KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ATT	Larry Phillips Chair SE TH
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Attachments A. King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan