



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16130

Proposed No. 2022-0159.2

Sponsors Dunn and Kohl-Welles

1 A MOTION requesting the King County executive
2 establish a cannabis business security task force to develop
3 strategies to prevent criminal activity targeting cannabis
4 businesses and address security concerns at cannabis
5 businesses and to provide a report.

6 WHEREAS, King County has experienced an increase in criminal activity,
7 including armed robbery, targeting cannabis businesses over the last year, and

8 WHEREAS, according to the Washington Cannabusiness Association, roughly
9 eighty robberies have been recorded at cannabis retailers across the state of Washington
10 since the beginning of 2022, and

11 WHEREAS, federal law prohibits cannabis related businesses from accessing
12 traditional banking services, forcing these businesses to operate on a cash-only basis and
13 making them a target for criminals, and

14 WHEREAS, while King County has traditionally allocated its portion of cannabis
15 excise tax revenue collected by the state in accordance with RCW 69.54.540 to law
16 enforcement activities by the King County sheriff's office, in 2020, the executive
17 proposed, and the council approved, redirecting cannabis excise tax revenues away from
18 the sheriff's office and toward community-based programs within the department of local
19 services and the department of community and human services, and

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20 WHEREAS, criminal activity targeting cannabis businesses impacts the broader
21 community, and

22 WHEREAS, a coordinated cannabis-business-security effort is required to prevent
23 crimes against cannabis businesses and to ensure the safety and security of communities
24 across King County;

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

26 A. The council requests the King County executive address the recent increase in
27 criminal activity targeting cannabis businesses across King County by establishing a
28 cannabis business security task force to develop strategies to prevent that criminal
29 activity and to prepare a report.

30 B. The task force should consist of representatives, including, but not limited to:

- 31 1. The King County prosecuting attorney's office;
- 32 2. The King County sheriff's office;
- 33 3. Cannabis business owners and employees; and
- 34 4. Impacted neighborhood groups and community organizations.

35 C. The task force should consider strategies including, but not limited to:

36 1. Identifying and providing the resources necessary to aid law enforcement in
37 the prevention of criminal activity targeting cannabis businesses, including the use of
38 cannabis excise tax revenues to prevent and mitigate community impacts of cannabis
39 business related crimes;

40 2. Deepening interjurisdictional cooperation and data sharing to identify trends
41 in criminal activity targeting cannabis businesses; and

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42 3. Coordinating emphasis patrols by law enforcement officers in the vicinity of
43 cannabis business locations across King County.

44 D. The report should include, but not be limited to:

45 1. A listing and description of cannabis business security and crime prevention
46 strategies and techniques that will be developed and implemented to reduce criminal
47 activity targeting cannabis businesses across King County and an estimated timeline for
48 their implementation; and

49 2. An analysis of the need for additional staff and resources across King County
50 government departments and agencies to develop and implement cannabis business
51 security and crime prevention efforts as well as a fiscal note summarizing the budget
52 need to support these efforts.

53 E. The King County executive should electronically file the report not later than
54 August 31, 2022, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide

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- 55 an electronic copy to all councilmembers and the lead staff of the law and justice
56 committee, or its successor.

Motion 16130 was introduced on 4/5/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/17/2022, by the following vote:

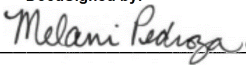
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Upthegrove and Zahilay
Excused: 2 - McDermott and von Reichbauer

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