



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**March 21, 2011**

**Motion 13450**

**Proposed No. 2011-0101.1**

**Sponsors Phillips, Ferguson, Patterson and  
McDermott**

1           A MOTION urging the Washington state Legislature to  
2           enact the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act to fund and construct  
3           projects to prevent and clean up stormwater pollution in  
4           King County and statewide.

5           WHEREAS, contaminated stormwater runoff is a major water pollution problem  
6           in the state fouling aquifers, streams, rivers, lakes and Puget Sound, and

7           WHEREAS, King County and other local governments are required by the federal  
8           Clean Water Act and the 1987 Water Quality Act to prevent, control and provide  
9           treatment for stormwater to the extent practicable within our jurisdictions, and

10          WHEREAS, one of the top priorities of the Puget Sound partnership is reducing  
11          and mitigating the impacts of stormwater pollution to promote recovery and clean up of  
12          Puget Sound, and

13          WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the burden of stormwater pollution is  
14          a function of both increased volumes of stormwater runoff due to the expansion of  
15          impervious surfaces and the toxic substances that pollute the runoff, and

16          WHEREAS, addressing stormwater pollution is a challenging task because the  
17          sources of pollution are widespread and diffuse and it is difficult for local governments to  
18          regulate the toxic substances that contaminate stormwater runoff and result in nonpoint  
19          source pollution, and

20 WHEREAS, local governments and residents statewide continue to struggle with  
21 the impacts of the economic recession, high unemployment, and the need to stimulate the  
22 economy and create jobs, and

23 WHEREAS, activities that address stormwater contamination, including building  
24 and retrofitting urban, suburban, and rural infrastructure would generate job growth  
25 especially in the construction sector and related trades, and

26 WHEREAS, the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act which is Senate Bill 5604 and  
27 House Bill 1735, as originally introduced would address these issues by creating a  
28 funding source for state and local projects or activities that mitigate or prevent  
29 contamination from toxic stormwater pollutants, and

30 WHEREAS, the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act as originally proposed would levy a  
31 one percent fee on first possession of petroleum products, fertilizers, herbicides and  
32 pesticides, which are responsible for a significant portion of the contaminated runoff,  
33 and

34 WHEREAS, the fee would generate approximately one hundred eighty million  
35 dollars each year and would provide eleven million dollars per year dedicated to  
36 Washington state Department of Transportation projects to address toxic stormwater  
37 pollution, three million per year in grants for organizations developing stormwater  
38 prevention and treatment technologies and one hundred thirty million dollars in grants for  
39 local government subject to the national pollutant discharge elimination system municipal  
40 stormwater permits for local capital improvement projects addressing stormwater  
41 projects, and

42 WHEREAS, the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act would advance important goals:  
43 providing funding for state and local governments' obligations for stormwater pollution  
44 prevention and clean up, creating construction jobs, and improving water quality for  
45 waterways throughout the state impacted by toxic stormwater; and

46 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 5604 and House Bill 1735 were introduced in the  
47 Washington state Legislature this session with broad support locally and statewide from  
48 the Environmental Priorities Coalition, Association of Washington Cities, Washington  
49 State Association of Counties, Washington State Labor Council and Cascadia Green  
50 Building Council;

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

52 The metropolitan King County council urges the Washington state Legislature to  
53 enact the 2011 Clean Water Jobs Act, which is Senate Bill 5604 and House Bill 1735 as a

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55 means to fund needed projects to address stormwater pollution and create jobs in King  
56 County and statewide.  
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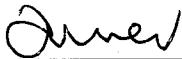
Motion 13450 was introduced on 2/22/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 3/21/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson and Mr. McDermott  
No: 3 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn  
Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Mr. Ferguson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None