



Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

August 29, 2016

Motion

Proposed No. 2016-0432.1

Sponsors Dembowski

1 A MOTION accepting a progress report and a final report
2 related to the referral of untested sexual assault kits in the
3 possession of the sheriff's office.

4 WHEREAS, the state Legislature in 2015 enacted Substitute House Bill 1068,
5 which became Chapter 247, Laws of Washington 2015, to require law enforcement
6 agencies to submit a request for laboratory analysis to the Washington State Patrol Crime
7 Laboratory for DNA testing of sexual assault examination kits in the possession of the
8 law enforcement agency, and

9 WHEREAS, the sheriff's office in July 2015 conducted an audit of its property
10 management unit and found that the number of unREFERRED sexual assault kits was three
11 hundred and seventy-eight, and

12 WHEREAS, Ordinance 18110, Section 6, Proviso P3. which amended the
13 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941, Section 20, is a \$200,000
14 proviso requiring the sheriff's office to review and refer for testing previously untested
15 sexual assault examination kits, and to send to the council two progress reports, a final
16 report and motions that accepted each of the reports, and

17 WHEREAS, the sheriff's office requires \$50,000 to review and refer all untested
18 kits and to perform potential follow up investigations on kits that yield viable suspects,
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the sheriff's office submitted in August 2016 a final report that
21 indicates that the agency has referred to the Washington State patrol crime lab all of the
22 sexual assault kits associated with the sheriff's office audit, and

23 WHEREAS, the council has not accepted any of the reports associated with the
24 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance proviso;

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

26 A. The council recognizes that the King County sheriff's office has met the
27 primary intent of the proviso in the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance
28 17941, Section 20, as amended by Ordinance 18110, Section 6, Proviso P3, by submitting
29 one progress report and a final report that indicates that the agency has referred to the
30 State patrol crime lab the untested sexual assault kits associated with the 2015 audit.

31 B. The council accepts the March 2015 progress report, Attachment A to this
32 motion, and the August 2016 final report, Attachment B to this motion.

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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: A. Sexual Assault Kit Project - March 2016, B. Sexual Assault Kit Project - August 2016