



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 18, 2012

Motion 13735

Proposed No. 2012-0365.2

Sponsors Dunn

1 A MOTION regarding cyberbullying in unincorporated
2 King County.

3 WHEREAS, Bill Belsey, a global leader in child bullying advocacy, describes
4 cyberbullying as involving the use of information and communication technologies to
5 support deliberate, repeated and hostile behavior by an individual or group, that is
6 intended to harm others, and

7 WHEREAS, a cyber predator is an individual who uses information and
8 communication technologies, including social media, to hunt for potential victims to take
9 advantage of in any way, including sexually, emotionally, psychologically or financially,
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the online safety of the people of King County is prioritized in the
12 King County Strategic Plan, Justice and Safety objective of keeping people safe in their
13 homes and communities, and

14 WHEREAS, cyberbullying and cyber predators have been identified by law
15 enforcement agencies and child advocacy organizations throughout the country as issues
16 of critical importance, and

17 WHEREAS, the King County sheriff's office is responsible for investigating all
18 crimes, including those circumstances where cyberbullying becomes potential criminal
19 activity;

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

21 The sheriff is requested to transmit a report on cyberbullying in unincorporated
22 King County in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy filed with the clerk of
23 the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all
24 councilmembers by October 19, 2012. The report should include:

25 A. The annual number and status of investigations that are associated with
26 cyberbullying, including those involving cyber predators, in unincorporated King County
27 and as compared to national trends;

28 B. The sheriff's approach toward prevention and investigation of cyberbullying;
29 and

30 C. Additional resources, such as for training, that could reasonably be applied to
31 address and support the scale of cyberbullying in unincorporated King County.
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Motion 13735 was introduced on 9/4/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/17/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr.
McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None