



## **King County**

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The Honorable Girmay Zahilay  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance related to the sale of environmental attributes held by the County, authorizing the Executive Climate Office to enter into an agreement with an environmental services aggregator. The aggregator would support tracking and reporting of low-carbon fuels usage in County fleets and production of low-carbon fuels to generate credits in the Washington (WA) Clean Fuels Program, as well as manage the sale of credits to producers and suppliers of regulated fuels. The sale of environmental attributes provides public benefit by enabling further investment in the County's efforts to address climate change by reducing carbon and air pollution emissions associated with transportation fuels in County fleets.

King County's participation in the Clean Fuels Program and sale of credits will:

- Further the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from King County fleets by 45 percent by 2025 and 70 percent by 2030, compared to a 2017 baseline.
- Follow through on Strategic Climate Action Plan commitments to increase the percentage of County-owned vehicles that are electric and zero-emissions.
- Demonstrate King County's commitment and support for Washington State market-based tools to reduce carbon and air pollution emissions from transportation fuels.

The proposed legislation authorizes King County to execute a base contract for Clean Fuels Program credit aggregator services with Energy Mission Control, Inc. dba FuSE, substantially in the form of Attachment A. Revenue from the sale of environmental attributes under this Ordinance shall be allocated to each participating department, based on the volume of credits a given department generated. The revenue from the environmental attributes shall be used by

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the originating county department to further the goals outlined in the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, unless otherwise restricted by the King County Comprehensive Plan.

Metro and the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) registered with the Department of Ecology (Ecology) in early 2023 to participate in the WA Clean Fuels Standard and have generated credits from the use of electricity and propane as a transportation fuel. King County reported and generated more than 17,462 credits in 2023 and 2024. Credit generation will increase as the County expands electric fueling infrastructure. Credits are sold through direct contracts between credit generators and regulated entities. Ecology does not operate an auction or market platform. Credit revenues fluctuate based on demand from regulated entities. Pursuant to King County Code 4.56, Council approval for the sale of credits of environmental attributes generated is required.

Thank you for considering this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will help King County continue to make progress to meet the ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets the Council unanimously approved in the 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan and will demonstrate King County's continued leadership in combatting climate change and advancing the use of low-carbon fuels.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Carrie Lee, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Manager, at 206-547-0513.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosures

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