



**Signature Report**

**April 15, 2008**

**Motion 12732**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0148.2

**Sponsors** Lambert

1                   A MOTION authorizing the county to accept the  
2                   Innovations in American Government award and a \$100,000  
3                   grant from the Ash Institute of the John F. Kennedy School  
4                   of Government at Harvard University to encourage other  
5                   courts to emulate the King County electronic court records  
6                   program and its substantial efficiencies in handling court  
7                   case information.

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9                   WHEREAS, King County has a long-standing commitment to promoting  
10                  efficiency and innovation in government, and

11                  WHEREAS, the electronic court records ("ECR") program of the King County  
12                  department of judicial administration (superior court clerk's office) has been renowned  
13                  within the local, state and national courts community for its innovations and results, and

14                  WHEREAS, the ECR has resulted in substantial efficiencies for King County law  
15                  safety and justice departments while protecting the accurate preservation of the court case  
16                  files along with protection of sealed and confidential documents, and

17           WHEREAS, the ECR has been honored with special recognition as a 2007  
18 Innovation in American Government Award by the Ash Institute at the John F. Kennedy  
19 School of Government at Harvard University, and

20           WHEREAS, the Innovations in American Government awards program this year  
21 reached the milestone of twenty years in existence, and has asked the department of  
22 judicial administration to promote similar practices in other courts nationwide through a  
23 grant of \$100,000 for that purpose;

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

25           King County is hereby authorized to accept an Ash Institute Innovations in  
26 American Government award for 2007, including a \$100,000 grant offered to promote  
27 replication of the success of ECR at King County. The county is authorized to accept the  
28 \$100,000 award from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in order  
29 to encourage other courts to adopt the model of treating the electronic version of a

30 document as the "official record" of the case file and to add other services, including  
31 electronic filing, service and remote access.

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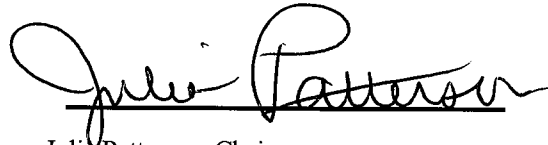
Motion 12732 was introduced on 3/24/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/14/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments      None