



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

June 10, 2008

Motion 12793

Proposed No. 2008-0235.1

Sponsors Hague, Patterson, Phillips and
Lambert

1 A MOTION requesting the executive to research and report
2 to the council on the environmental, health and economic
3 benefits of expanding the county's environmentally
4 preferable purchasing program to include cleaning products
5 and cleaning methods.

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7 WHEREAS, King County has been a strong leader on behalf of the
8 environment and has been committed to helping county agencies to purchase
9 environmentally preferable products that contain fewer toxic materials, minimize
10 waste, maximize recycling and conserve energy and other resources, and

11 WHEREAS, King County has demonstrable economic influence and
12 buying power, and

13 WHEREAS, in 1989 the county adopted a Recycled Produced
14 Procurement Policy directing county agencies to purchase recycled products
15 whenever practicable, and

16 WHEREAS, in 1995 the county expanded this policy and developed an
17 environmental purchasing program requiring county agencies to purchase

18 recycled and other environmentally preferable products whenever practicable and
19 directing agencies to purchase materials with lower toxicity that provide greater
20 conservation of energy, water and other resources, and

21 WHEREAS, in 2007 the county purchased 41 million dollars worth of
22 environmentally preferable products, and

23 WHEREAS, in 2007 the county saved and estimated \$877,000 by
24 purchasing environmentally preferable products, and

25 WHEREAS, in 2007, King County procurement and contract services section
26 solicited bids for cleaners that have been certified to meet the GS-37 standard set by
27 Green Seal, an organization that establishes consensus standards of environmental
28 performance, and

29 WHEREAS, in 2007, King County Metro transit started using environmentally
30 preferable cleaning products and methods and has reduced the amount of chemicals and
31 water needed to clean transit bases, bathrooms and offices, and

32 WHEREAS, the council wishes to ensure that all products purchases and
33 expenditures of public money are made in a manner consistent with the county's
34 human health and environmental policies, and

35 WHEREAS, the council wishes to reduce occupational health hazards for
36 county staff as well as reduce exposure of county residents and visitors to
37 potentially toxic chemicals, and

38 WHEREAS, the council wishes to reduce the environmental impacts of
39 toxic chemicals and conserve its natural resources, and

40 WHEREAS, the council finds it to be in the best interest of science, public
41 health, economics and the environment to investigate the benefits of
42 environmentally preferable cleaning products and methods for use in all
43 appropriate county facilities;

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

45 A. The metropolitan King County council requests the executive
46 to research and report on the environmental, health and economic benefits
47 of expanding the county's environmentally preferable purchasing program
48 to include cleaning products and cleaning methods for all county agencies.
49 This report shall include a study on the feasibility of using
50 environmentally preferable cleaning products and cleaning methods at
51 different types of county facilities and properties including, but not limited
52 to:

- 53 1. General office space;
- 54 2. Public restrooms;
- 55 3. Health and human service clinics;
- 56 4. Housing facilities;
- 57 5. Public transportation vehicles;
- 58 6. Fleet vehicles, and
- 59 7. Community centers.

60 B. The executive's report should be transmitted by motion to the council by
61 August 15, 2008.

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Motion 12793 was introduced on 4/28/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/9/2008, 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