



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Motion 16436

**Proposed No.** 2023-0314.2

**Sponsors** Dembowski and Upthegrove

1           A MOTION requesting the executive to develop and  
2           transmit a study regarding state forest trust lands currently  
3           managed for King County by the Washington state  
4           Department of Natural Resources.

5           WHEREAS, forests provide multiple benefits on both the local and global scale,  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has stated that  
8 forest management activities play a key role in the mitigation of climate change, and the  
9 Washington state Legislature has found that forests are one of the most effective  
10 resources that can absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and

11           WHEREAS, King County's 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan states that there  
12 are substantial carbon and climate benefits to maintaining, protecting, restoring, and  
13 expanding the more than 811,000 acres of forest land in King County, and that recent  
14 studies combining carbon sequestration potential and risk of loss due to wildfire, insects,  
15 and disease rank the coastal and Cascade forests of Oregon and Washington among the  
16 highest priority for protection, and

17           WHEREAS, in 2021, the executive developed a 30-Year Forest Plan, which lays  
18 out priorities and goals associated with King County's forests, as well as strategies for  
19 achieving those over the next thirty years, and

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20 WHEREAS, in addition to greenhouse gas mitigation benefits, the 30-Year Forest  
21 Plan states that King County's forests provide benefits to human health, salmon habitat,  
22 and water quality and quantity, in addition to the economic benefits of sustainable timber,  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, twenty-one counties deeded roughly 546,000 acres of forest lands to  
25 the state during the 1920s and 1930s, and, in exchange, the state committed to managing  
26 the properties as trust lands and giving most of the revenue from timber sales and other  
27 revenue-producing activities back to the county and junior taxing districts, and

28 WHEREAS, the state has managed the state forest trust lands within King County  
29 to balance economic, environmental, and recreational interests for nearly one hundred  
30 years, and

31 WHEREAS, in 2023, the governor signed into law Substitute House Bill 1460,  
32 which became Chapter 383, Laws of Washington 2023, and which established a new trust  
33 land transfer program, through which the Washington state Department of Natural  
34 Resources is authorized to transfer state forest trust lands to other public agencies, such  
35 as King County, and

36 WHEREAS, there are other mechanisms allowable under state law with which the  
37 state can transfer, sell, or otherwise convey state forest trust lands to local government  
38 ownership, and

39 WHEREAS, today, some of the state forest trust lands in King County may better  
40 serve the community if owned or managed by the county, and

41 WHEREAS, local ownership or management of state forest trust lands in King  
42 County would enable the county to have a greater role in decision-making processes,

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43 ensuring that the interests and needs of county residents are addressed to the fullest extent  
44 possible, and maximizing transparency and inclusivity, and

45 WHEREAS, local ownership or management of state forest trust lands in King  
46 County would also provide opportunities for enhanced collaboration between the county,  
47 local governments, and community groups, fostering partnerships that support sustainable  
48 forest management, economic growth, and public health, and

49 WHEREAS, the King County's ownership or management of state forest trust  
50 lands in King County would strengthen the county's ability to protect and enhance natural  
51 resources, implement innovative forest management practices and conservation strategies  
52 that combat climate change, promote outdoor recreation, provide green jobs, and foster a  
53 deeper connection between the community and the land, and

54 WHEREAS, county residents may be best served by some of the state forest trust  
55 lands remaining under state ownership and management as working forests, continuing to  
56 provide reliable, long-term timber supply for homes, hospitals, and schools, revenue for  
57 the county, and green jobs for residents;

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

59 A. The council requests that the executive develop a study for state forest trust  
60 lands currently managed for King County by the Washington state Department of Natural  
61 Resources ("county trust lands"). The study should include, but not be limited to, the  
62 following:

63 1. A review of all methods allowable under state law for county trust lands to be  
64 transferred from state ownership to county ownership, and a discussion of the specific  
65 benefits and risks to King County associated with each method. The methods may

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66 include, but are not limited to, reconveyance, trust land transfer, direct transfer, and land  
67 exchange;

68           2. A discussion of the potential short-term and long-term benefits and risks to  
69 the county of taking ownership of some or all county trust lands, including but not limited  
70 to environmental, health, equity and social justice, and financial or fiscal issues;

71           3. Identification of tribal governments that, as comanagers of forest lands, shall  
72 be consulted when considering transfer of lands through any of the methods identified in  
73 subsection A.1. of this motion;

74           4. Information on the amount of revenue generated for the county over the past  
75 decade through the Washington state Department of Natural Resources's management  
76 activities;

77           5. An evaluation of whether county management of county trust lands would  
78 support existing county efforts, including the Strategic Climate Action Plan, 30-Year  
79 Forest Plan, Clean Water Healthy Habitat Initiative, Parks Open Space Plan, Land  
80 Conservation Initiative, and salmon recovery efforts;

81           6. For each parcel or contiguous block of parcels of county trust lands:  
82           a. the location of the land and size;  
83           b. the forest type and age class;  
84           c. identification of any recreational or other non-forestry uses currently present  
85 on the land;

86           d. any available information on logging that has taken place in recent decades,  
87 including dates and amounts of timber logged;

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88 e. an assessment of the conservation and recreation value of land, including but  
89 not limited to:

90 (1) what benefits acquisition of the land would provide to the county and its  
91 residents;

92 (2) which means of transfer identified in the analysis requested by section  
93 A.1. of this motion is recommended; and

94 f. a recommendation by the executive on which parcels should be prioritized  
95 for acquisition;

96 7. Estimated timeframes for any transfers county trust lands identified under  
97 section A.6.f. of this section;

98 8. If a land exchange method is recommended as a means of transfer, an  
99 identification of what criteria the county would use to identify county-owned lands to be  
100 exchanged;

101 9. An estimate of the annual operations and maintenance costs for acquired  
102 county trust lands, and any other ongoing costs and lost or gained revenues associated  
103 with county ownership of these lands, including the feasibility of generating revenues  
104 through carbon credit sales, selective thinning for forest health, or other means;

105 10. For any county trust lands recommended to remain in state ownership, a list  
106 of potential strategies for cooperatively maximizing the environmental, social, and  
107 economic benefits of the forests contained therein in close collaboration with the  
108 Washington state Department of Natural Resources; and

109 11. Recommendations on any changes to state laws or rules related to  
110 reconveyance that would be necessary to align with the county's priorities and goals

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111 relating to forest conservation. Recommended changes may include, but should not be  
112 limited to, changes to the requirement in RCW 79.22.300 that reconveyed lands be used  
113 for public park purposes.

114 B. The executive should electronically file the report no later than July 1, 2024,  
115 with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an

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- 116 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the  
117 transportation, economy and environment committee or its successor.

Motion 16436 was introduced on 9/12/2023 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/3/2023, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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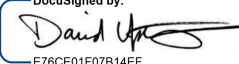
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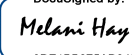
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