



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15610

Proposed No. 2020-0113.1

Sponsors Balducci, Upthegrove, Dunn,
Lambert, Kohl-Welles, McDermott and
Dembowski

1 A MOTION affirming the King County executive's
2 proclamation of emergency in response to the COVID-19
3 cases in King County.

4 WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus first appeared in people in Wuhan, China, in
5 December 2019, and

6 WHEREAS, public health - Seattle & King County activated the Public Health
7 Departmental Emergency Operations Center on January 21, 2020, for a significant health
8 emergency caused by novel coronavirus, and

9 WHEREAS, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is one of the eleven airports in
10 the United States to receive and process travelers from the region where the COVID-19
11 outbreak originated, and

12 WHEREAS, the first case of COVID-19 identified in the United States occurred
13 in January in a Snohomish County resident who had traveled to China, and cases have
14 since been spread through community transmission in Snohomish and King counties, and

15 WHEREAS, as of March 2, 2020, eighteen people in Washington state have been
16 diagnosed with and six people have died from COVID-19, and

17 WHEREAS, according to Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, new
18 COVID-19 cases are likely to double every six days, and

19 WHEREAS, the emergency may become a pandemic, and

20 WHEREAS, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to the
21 new cases of COVID-19 in Washington state on February 29, 2020, and

22 / WHEREAS, the King County executive issued a proclamation of emergency on
23 March 1, 2020, in order to exercise the executive's emergency powers, and

24 WHEREAS, the executive announced initial plans to house patients without
25 homes, included the immediate purchase of an area motel and the placement of modular
26 housing units;

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

28 We affirm the King County executive's proclamation of emergency issued on

29 March 1, 2020, and affirm our commitment to aiding in the response to COVID-19.

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Motion 15610 was introduced on 3/3/2020 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/3/2020, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Balducci and Mr. Zahilay



KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Claudia Balducci, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None