



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

May 10, 2010

Motion 13219

Proposed No. 2010-0221.1

Sponsors Ferguson, Phillips and Gossett

1 A MOTION supporting the federal Patient Protection and
2 Affordable Care Act.

3 WHEREAS, in King County, over one hundred fifty thousand residents, more
4 than twelve percent of the population, do not have health insurance, and

5 WHEREAS, the lack of health insurance is a major barrier for King County
6 residents in obtaining needed and preventative health care, and

7 WHEREAS, the inability to access affordable health care in a timely manner
8 leads to uninsured individuals delaying and deferring care until an ailment becomes an
9 emergency, which is more costly and leads to worse health outcomes, and

10 WHEREAS, through Public Health - Seattle & King County, King County
11 provides a wide variety of health related services, including health care for low-income
12 residents, with the goal of protecting and improving the health and well-being of all
13 people in King County, and

14 WHEREAS, on July 16, 2009, the board of health of King County unanimously
15 passed a resolution urging Congress to enact health reform with the principle of giving all
16 people access to affordable, comprehensive health care services on an equitable basis so
17 that all individuals can access the right care in the right place at the right time, and

18 WHEREAS, the federal Patient Protection and Care Act will benefit King County
19 residents by: providing access to insurance for uninsured individuals with preexisting

20 conditions; prohibiting health insurance companies from imposing preexisting condition
21 exclusions on children's coverage; extending dependent coverage to young people up to
22 age twenty-six; strengthening community health centers; and providing tax credits to
23 small businesses that contribute to provide health insurance to employees;

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

25 A. King County recognizes that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable
26 Care Act will directly benefit many King County residents that lack health care insurance
27 or are underinsured.

28 B. King County supports the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
29 as advancing the goal of all people having access to affordable, comprehensive health
30 care services on an equitable basis.

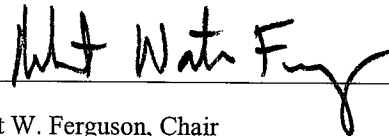
31 C. King County supports Washington state Governor Christine Gregoire's
32 position that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is in the interests of
33 the state of Washington, and opposes Washington state Attorney General Rob McKenna's
34 participation in a

35 lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
36 Act purportedly on behalf of the state of Washington.
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Motion 13219 was introduced on 3/29/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 5/10/2010, by the following vote:

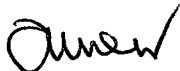
Yes: 5 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson and Mr.
Ferguson
No: 4 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None