



in 2014, increasing faster than any other category of superior court cases, and

WHEREAS, stakeholders have raised concerns about challenges to court operations due to space constraints, and

WHEREAS, plans for redevelopment of Harborview Hall contemplate the relocation and expansion of Involuntary Treatment Act court no sooner than 2018;

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

A. The executive is requested to develop and transmit to the council a report on how the county is addressing space constraints related to the significant increase in the caseload of the Involuntary Treatment Act court as well as both short- and medium-term space strategies to address the anticipated, continual increase in such cases, including:

1. A description of the anticipated level of need, based on current data and any information or projections the county may have related to matters that might impact caseload increases, from now through the anticipated availability for occupancy of the redeveloped Harborview Hall;
2. Estimated one-time and ongoing costs of options to expand into new or existing additional courtrooms or office space to accommodate anticipated need in the short and medium term; and
3. Consideration of the viability of phased construction for the Harborview Hall redevelopment that would enable the Involuntary Treatment Act court to relocate to an expanded space sooner than 2018.

B. The executive should transmit the report on the strategies and estimated costs to alleviate overcrowding by August 17, 2015, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the policy staff director and the lead staff for the law, justice and emergency management committee, or its successor.