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**Title:** A MOTION establishing the council's intent to include, as part of the 2008 State Legislative Agenda for King County a request to revise state law to permit individual counties to adopt customized procedures for conducting routine, random, postelection audits.

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A MOTION establishing the council's intent to include, as part of the 2008 State Legislative Agenda for King County a request to revise state law to permit individual counties to adopt customized procedures for conducting routine, random, postelection audits.

WHEREAS, public confidence in the election process rests in part on voters' firm conviction that the vote count is accurate and has not been tainted by either error or fraud, and

WHEREAS, routine, random, postelection audits of election results are an essential means of confirming that automated voting systems have produced an accurate vote count, and

WHEREAS, current Washington state law provides for a form and scope of post-election auditing that, as applied to counties with as many voters as King County, does not permit a sufficient number of ballots to be

audited and does not require random selection of the ballots to be audited;

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

The King County council hereby establishes the council's intent to include as part of its 2008 state legislative agenda, a request to revise of Washington State law to permit individual counties to adopt by ordinance customized procedures for conducting routine, random, postelection audits of election results, as long as those procedures are at least as statistically valid in assuring the accuracy of election results as the procedures prescribed by state law for other counties.