



Legislation Text

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A MOTION relating to the organization of the council; and amending Motion 11122, Section D, as amended, and OR 2-020.

WHEREAS, the council has specified by motion the functions of the council committees and provided for any changes to these to be made by adoption for a formal legislative motion;

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

I. Motion 11122, Section D, as amended, and OR 2-020 are each amended to read as follows:

Standing committees - functions. In addition to any committee otherwise established by law, the committees of the metropolitan King County council and their respective functions are established as follows:

A. **Budget and fiscal management committee** shall consider and make recommendations on: the county revenue and expenditure fiscal structural gap; capital and operating budget appropriations; the sale and lease of real property to or by the county; debt and investment proposals; bond issues; the office of economic and financial analysis; levies unless referred to another committee; and financial policies.

1. The committee shall develop recommendations on policy direction for the biennial budget, based on the recommendations of other council committees and taking into account the estimated fiscal impacts of state and federal legislation.

2. In respect to consideration of the county's proposed biennial budget, all members of the council not assigned to the budget and fiscal management committee shall be considered ex officio voting members of the committee.

B. **Committee of the whole.**

1. The committee of the whole shall consider: issues of interest to the entire council, including appointments to the state legislature and department directors and key subordinate units in the executive branch; the annual legislative program; legislation before the federal, state and local governments that affect King County; the King County Strategic Plan; oversight of Harborview Medical Center; solid waste including waste to energy; arts and culture and associated levies, if any; the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account; gun safety; the immigrant and refugee commission; issues related to the census; the charter review commission; homelessness, including the King County Regional Homelessness Authority; and other program and policy matters. The committee of the whole shall conduct town hall meetings on issues of significance.

2. Until either the executive terminates the March 1, 2020, proclamation of emergency in response to COVID-19 or the council amends this subsection B.2., the consideration by the committee will include and be focused primarily on matters pertaining to COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

C. Community, health and housing services committee.

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to:
 - a. health and housing services provided to the community by county agencies and branches, including, but not limited to, domestic violence facilitators, court navigators and community courts,
 - b. public health programs, including those related to the protection, promotion and provision functions of the department of public health, including the structure of the public health centers;
 - c. affordable housing, including therapeutic and low-income housing;
 - d. human services programs, including review of human services-related levies; and
 - e. economic development including equity and pay disparity.
2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the biennial budget.

D. Government accountability and oversight committee.

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on:

a. improving the efficiency, cost effectiveness and performance of all branches of county government (legislative, executive and judicial);

b. enhancing oversight, accountability and transparency in King County government, the annual county audit program and federal, state or county audit reports, the administration of the Public Records Act, capital projects oversight, the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network, strategic planning, performance measurement and performance management, management organizational structure and technology management; and

c. general government oversight, including customer service, worker safety, the department of assessments; elections; records and licensing; animal control; cable communications; the county fair; King County international airport; risk management; veterans, and executive services such as telecommunications, facilities management, purchasing and real property management.

2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the biennial budget.

E. Law and justice committee.

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to law, safety, criminal justice and emergency management programs, including those related to: public safety; adult detention; juvenile justice and youth services; superior and district courts; judicial administration; prosecuting attorney; public defense; emergency medical services; office of law enforcement oversight; bail reform; pretrial services alternatives to incarceration; and civil rights.

2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the biennial budget.

F. Local services committee.

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to:

a. surface water management and water supply;

- b. unincorporated and rural areas, including agriculture and rural services;
 - c. local government;
 - d. permitting and zoning;
 - e. county roads and bridges;
 - f. levies to support county roads and bridges;
 - g. emergency management including disaster response, emergency preparedness and emergency planning as it pertains to the unincorporated areas;
 - h. local services provided by the sheriff;
 - i. utility annexations and water and sewer district plans; and
 - j. local parks and trails.
2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the biennial budget.

~~((F.))~~ **G. Mobility and environment committee.**

- 1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on:
 - a. transportation, including passenger ferries, regional trails and public transportation including spending plans for new revenue, if any, and fares and fare equity policies;
 - b. the environment, including:
 - (1) salmon recovery and barriers to recovery such as culverts;
 - (2) resource lands, excluding agriculture;
 - (3) energy;
 - (4) water quality, including wastewater; and
 - (5) regional parks and open space; and
 - c. growth management, including regional planning and the Comprehensive Plan.