



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE making a supplemental appropriation of \$443,688 to public health to allow for implementation of three privately-funded health innovation pilot programs under the Children's Health Initiative; and amending the 2008 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 15975, Section 93, as amended.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County's mission for the health of the public is to identify and promote the conditions under which all people can live within healthy communities and can achieve optimum health.
2. It is the intent of the county to improve the health of children.
3. Significant disparities in children's health by race, ethnicity, region, and income persist in King County and in some cases are growing.
4. Research shows that effective policy for ensuring healthy children, resulting in healthy, productive adults, rests on removing barriers that prevent children from achieving consistent access to comprehensive health care.
5. The King County Children's Health Initiative ("CHI") was adopted unanimously by the King County council in Motion 12507 on May 7, 2007, and includes vision and mission statements for the CHI, goals and three program components including advocacy for insurance coverage for children, outreach to children and health innovation pilot projects.
6. The CHI vision rests on a public/private collaboration and a blend of public/private funds to

turn the vision into reality.

7. The private funds necessary to implement the innovative pilot projects, totaling over three million dollars, have been donated and the council authorized the Executive in Motion 12644 on December 10, 2007, to accept these donations.

8. The donor organizations have specified that funds be earmarked for implementation of innovative pilot approaches to improve children's health in King County that will dovetail with the state's timeline including, but not limited to, such things as best practices in outreach and linkage, oral health quality improvement and integration, mental health integration pilot programs and on-line enrollment.

9. The health innovation implementation committee comprised of private sector donors, child health experts, the health care system and public health representatives has met three times in 2007, to design and provide oversight to the implementation of the pilot projects that support and adhere to the mission, vision and goals of the CHI and the policies in Motion 12507, subsection G.

10. The health innovation implementation committee reviewed, discussed and approved the pilot project plans and the overall health innovation implementation committee budget that are presented in this ordinance, on November 16, 2007.

11. Each pilot project includes a project description, work plan, budget and evaluation plan which demonstrate that the projects adhere to the policies adopted by Motion 12507, subsection G.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 15975, Section 93, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

PUBLIC HEALTH - From the public health fund there is hereby appropriated to:

Public health

\$443,688