



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to sign a fifty-year lease for a thirty-acre vacant property along Issaquah creek owned by Washington state Department of Natural Resources through the States Trust Land Transfer Program at no cost to King County.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. In March 2011, the Washington state Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") approved the thirty-acre Issaquah creek property for lease to King County under the Trust Land Transfer Program ("TLT program"). The TLT program is a program that transfers Common School Trust properties, either by lease or in fee, to an agency that can better manage the property for the intended public use. The value of the lease, paid for by the state general fund appropriation, is deposited to the common school construction account. The TLT program is paid for the value of the lease from the state building construction account and must be completed prior to the end of the biennium, June 30, 2011. King County will receive a fifty-year lease from the state at no cost to the county.
2. This project protects critical aquatic and spawning habitat for Chinook salmon along two thousand two hundred feet of the Issaquah creek corridor. This reach of the Issaquah creek is identified as part of a Wildlife Network in the King County Comprehensive Plan (2004). The property provides a link in the wildlife corridor that incorporates Tiger Mountain and Squak Mountain state Forests, Taylor Mountain Forest, the city of Seattle watershed and other

protected forests in the Issaquah and surrounding drainage basins. This property also provides an opportunity to protect a view of the Issaquah creek from the Issaquah-Hobart Road.

3. K.C.C. 4.04.040.B.5.b. requires any lease or agreement for real property longer than a cumulative total of two years to be approved by ordinance of the King County council.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County executive is hereby authorized to sign the Issaquah Creek Trust Land Transfer Lease in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance as well as any related documents that are necessary or convenient to complete the transaction.