



Legislation Text

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A MOTION accepting the recommendations of the executive and superior court as presented in the Report to the King County Council in Response to Motion 13106.

WHEREAS, the superior court of King County provides juvenile, family law and supporting therapeutic courts services to the 1.86 million citizens in King County, and

WHEREAS, the 2005 King County Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 15083, authorized funding for a targeted operational master plan and called for a work plan to review the operations, services and potential facilities needs for the juvenile, family law and supporting therapeutic courts, and

WHEREAS, the work plan was approved by the King County council by motion in August 2005, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 15601 approved the superior court targeted operational master plan in September 2006, and

WHEREAS, the 2007 King County Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 15652, authorized funding for a superior court facility master plan and called for a work plan that would integrate other criminal justice planning efforts, and

WHEREAS, elected judges and staff of the superior court, the King County prosecutor, deputy prosecutors and staff, the King County sheriff and staff, staff of the office of management and budget, the facilities management division of the department of executive services, the department of adult and juvenile detention, the office of public defense, the King County law library, the state of Washington Department of Social and Health Services, the state of Washington Attorney General's Office and public and private

stakeholders, attorneys, social service providers and others, participated in the development of the superior court facility master plan, and

WHEREAS, the superior court facility master plan work group developed a range of potential scenarios for facilities at the King County youth services center site, and

WHEREAS, K.C.C. 4.04.220 defines the components and processes included in operational and facilities master planning efforts that include current and projected workload assumptions, and

WHEREAS, the King County executive approved the superior court facilities master plan and transmitted it to council for its review and approval on May 12, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the operational master plan objective of collocating matters involving juveniles in a single facility remains the county's policy goal, and

WHEREAS, the council was concerned that the selection of population growth projections as the basis on which to determine future facility needs, as used in the facility master plan to develop various options or scenarios, might not be the most appropriate, and

WHEREAS, the council desires that the operational costs of any new facility be sustainable and that any increase in operational costs be minimized or offset through operational efficiencies derived from collocation, increased fee or other revenue, and the potential for private development on the site, and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2009, the council approved Motion 13106, affirming the goal of collocating all juvenile offender, north-end juvenile dependency and family court matters involving children in a single facility as envisioned by scenario 5.5 of the superior court facility master plan, and

WHEREAS, in adopting Motion 13106, the council requested additional information as to whether it is possible to phase construction of the project and/or reduce the size of the replacement facility, and number of courtrooms, while maintaining the objectives of scenario 5.5 of the superior court facility master plan, and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2010, the executive transmitted the Report to the King County Council in Response to Motion 13106, which outlines recommendations that the first phase of the project include

construction of nine courtrooms plus ten-thousand square feet in an initial phase and that design work for the initial phase will include anticipated needs for subsequent phases to maximize cost effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, the Report to the King County Council in Response to Motion 13106 also recommends that a covenant or other appropriate legal encumbrance be placed on the property to provide capacity for subsequent phases and that King County obligate the proceeds from any future sale of the portion of the youth services center site designated for private development be directly applied toward the capital costs of subsequent completion of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the King County council:

The executive and superior court recommendations presented in the Report to the King County Council in Response to Motion 13106 are hereby accepted by the council.