



Legislation Text

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A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the report on the department of public defense's assigned counsel hourly rates in accordance with the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P5.

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P5, requires the executive to transmit a report on the department of public defense's assigned counsel hourly rates, and

WHEREAS, the report includes the following:

1. A market analysis comparing the hourly rates paid by the department of public defense with the hourly rates paid other jurisdictions in Washington;
2. An analysis of whether the current rates paid to assigned counsel impact the ability of the department to attract qualified assigned counsel; and
3. Recommendations on whether any hourly rate for outside counsel should be increased, and

WHEREAS, the executive is further required to file the report and a motion that acknowledges receipt of the report by July 31, 2023;

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

The council hereby acknowledges receipt of the report on the department of public defense's assigned counsel hourly rates, which is Attachment A to this motion, in accordance with the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P5.