



Legislation Text

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A MOTION requesting the executive convene a work group to advance efforts to integrate law and justice data in King County, requesting a publicly accessible dashboard including integrated law and justice data, and requesting an interim update and an implementation plan.

WHEREAS, King County has been a national leader in innovations to the law and justice system, and

WHEREAS, King County's law and justice agencies include the sheriff's office, department of public defense, the prosecuting attorney's office, the superior and district courts, the department of adult and juvenile detention and the department of judicial administration, and

WHEREAS, tracking data across law and justice agencies is critically important for tracking community and individual outcomes, evaluating programs, budgeting and making policy decisions, and

WHEREAS, a 2020 pretrial reform proviso workgroup report, developed by representatives of the various county law and justice agencies, the executive, the council, and community and nonprofit agencies, stated that, "The robust data systems maintained by the various criminal legal system agencies (superior and district courts, judicial administration, jail, prosecutor, and public defense) do not interface with each other and do not include unique keys that would enable linking of data to support analysis," making the process of tracking outcomes across law and justice agencies labor intensive and difficult to achieve on a large scale, and

WHEREAS, the 2020 pretrial reform proviso workgroup report recommended that King County plan for an integrated criminal legal system by convening a workgroup and developing a capital information technology project to address the need;

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

A. The council establishes a commitment to work towards an integrated, unified and public law and justice data system that allows for program evaluation and tracking data by point-in-time and longitudinally.

B. The council requests that the executive convene a workgroup to develop an integrated law and justice data system that should include data from the sheriff, the prosecuting attorney, the department of adult and juvenile detention and the superior and district courts, and should meet the following minimum objectives:

1. The integrated data system should include a publicly accessible dashboard that allows for high level program evaluation, and includes data on incident response, arrests, diversion, case resolution and recidivism.

The data available in the dashboard should include, but is not limited to, arrests, bookings, referrals, crime data mapping, open cases and shots fired;

2. Data should be based on common, cross-agency data definitions;

3. To the extent possible, data should be based on individuals and allow for integrated tracking of case resolution as an individual progresses through the law and justice system; and

4. Public-facing data should be deidentified, aggregate displays of trends and statistic and not represent any individual data file.

C. A workgroup should be established that includes the appropriate staff from the agencies listed in section B. of this motion, the department of public defense, the office of performance, strategy and budget and the department of information technology to plan and implement an information technology project that achieves the outcome stated in section A. of this motion, including development of common data definitions and standards and a centralized data warehouse.

D. The workgroup should provide an interim update to the law, justice, health and human services committee on their initial findings and plans on or before October 15, 2022:

E.1. The workgroup should develop and transmit a plan to the council on or before January 31, 2023.

The plan should include, but not be limited to:

- a. the current status of efforts to establish an integrated law and justice data system;
 - b. a summary of criminal justice data integration best practices and a discussion of lessons learned from other county cross-agency data integration technology projects completed or in progress, including, but not limited to, the DCHS PH Data Integration (1129638) and the DCHS DO CORE (1134636) projects;
 - c. the series of steps necessary to advance and implement the criminal justice integrated data system and dashboard, including identification of interim steps to establish an integrated dashboard with data that is commonly available across agencies before completion of the data integration project. The series of steps should reference how the best practices and lessons learned identified in section D.2. of this motion are incorporated;
 - d. the estimated cost and timeline to implement the data dashboard and a description of any hardware or software that would need to be purchased, the identification of potential funding sources, and a cost-sharing plan across agencies; and
 - e. A summary of the challenges expected to implement a data dashboard and how they are proposed to be mitigated or resolved. The summary should include an outline of the process for developing shared data definitions across all agencies and any specific data points that cannot be included due to definitional or other challenges.
2. The work group should transmit the plan electronically to the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the law, justice, health and human services committee, or its successor.