



Legislation Text

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A MOTION amending the public defense payment model, which established a framework for budgeting indigent legal defense services in King County.

WHEREAS, the King County council included a proviso within the office of the public defender's section of Ordinance 16312, the 2009 Budget Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the proviso required a report to be developed by the department of community and human services, in conjunction with the office of management and budget to include current data and input from the contract defense contractors and the King County Bar Association, and

WHEREAS, these components shall be consistent with the model adopted by the council in Motion 12160, and

WHEREAS, the Public Defense Payment Model is the analytical framework for calculating the costs to provide indigent defense services in order to guide preparation of proposed annual appropriations for public defense and to structure contracts for indigent defense services, and

WHEREAS, the Public Defense Payment Model is not intended to and does not in any way alter the relationship between King County and the nonprofit law firms with which King County contracts, namely that the law firms are independent contractors to King County, and

WHEREAS, the model must be updated after three years (2006 was Year 1; 2007 was Year 2; and 2008 was Year 3), the model policies have been updated for the Ordinance 16312 proviso report, revised for the 2009 budget, and revised in Attachment A to this motion, and

WHEREAS, the King County council finds that the department of community and human services's, in

conjunction with the office of management and budget, report regarding proposed recommendations to the contract payment methodology and budget modification is approved;

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

The council hereby adopts the amendment to the Public Defense Payment Model

policies set out in Attachment A to this motion and effective July 1, 2009, for contract development and payment.