



Legislation Text

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A MOTION approving the business case for the law, safety and justice integration program, integrated document exchange project.

WHEREAS, the county is committed to protecting public safety and ensuring a just, fair, efficient, effective and functioning criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, services required by state law consist largely of those services related to the criminal justice system, which is law enforcement, courts, adult and juvenile detention, prosecution, indigent defense and some services related to public health, and

WHEREAS, the elements of the county criminal justice system are the responsibility of separately elected officials, including the executive, fifty-one superior court judges, twenty-six district court judges, the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff, and

WHEREAS, within those operations, the county functions as a regional service provider to municipal jurisdictions, particularly in the areas of detention, criminal prosecution and the courts, and

WHEREAS, recent events have proven that effective access to criminal information and criminal case management information improves the capabilities of law enforcement and public safety officials, and

WHEREAS, both the federal and state governments have identified that the ability for local governments to share documents and information contributes to the success of broader homeland security efforts, and

WHEREAS, by the end of 2007, the law, safety and justice integration program will have implemented its largest and most complex subproject, the booking and referral filing project, and

WHEREAS, the law, safety and justice integration program has implemented multiple initiatives improving the movement and sharing of data, both between agencies and regionally with other criminal justice practitioners in the county, and

WHEREAS the pressing operational challenges for the county's criminal justice operations relate to the ability to cooperatively manage digital documents, in a manner that leverages previous investments in technology that produce and consume digital documents, supports the secure transportation of such digital documents and creates new efficiencies by eliminating the need to print, transport and scan paper documents;

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

The business case for the law, safety and justice integration program, integrated

document exchange project, Attachment A to this motion, is hereby approved, and the \$200,000 within CIP project number 377108 released for use by the program.