



Legislation Text

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A MOTION affirming the value of the annual labor summit, acknowledging the already-productive relationship between King County and organized labor and resolving to strengthen the relationship by holding regular meetings between members of the council, the executive, labor officials and the associated staffs, to discuss issues of mutual concern.

WHEREAS, the annual labor summit between county elected officials and county labor leaders has been a valuable avenue of communication and collaboration since the summit was first held in 1998, and

WHEREAS, the council wishes to build on this foundation by increasing the frequency and effectiveness of communication and collaboration, both between elected officials and labor and between the council and the executive, and

WHEREAS, there are a number of actions that can be taken in the near term to strengthen and enhance the county's relationship with organized labor;

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

A. The council resolves to meet quarterly with the director of the executive's office of labor relations, in a meeting of the committee of the whole, to discuss a variety of management and labor subjects, and the council resolves that the first meeting will be no later than June 30, 2010.

B. The council resolves that there will be regular, informal meetings between councilmembers, the executive and county labor leaders for the purpose of maintaining clear communication between them about issues of mutual concern; that those informal meetings could be held as often as monthly; and that the first such

meeting will be held no later than June 30, 2010.

C. The council resolves that there will be regular, informal meetings between council staff and executive staff, as needed, to discuss labor and management issues of concern to both branches.

D. The council resolves that it will consult informally with the executive and with county labor leaders regarding the approach and criteria for conducting a study of compensation and benefits for county employees, including identifying appropriate comparator organizations, and that the council's goal for completing this consultation is July 31, 2010.