

Legislation Text

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A MOTION calling on Congress to swiftly and comprehensively address federal immigration reform generally and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals in particular to protect the legal status of thousands of Dreamers.

WHEREAS, Motion 14851 established King County's Federal Legislative Agenda, including a call for immigration reform, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 800,000 United States residents, who came to the United States as children, have benefitted from the protections afforded by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA") program, allowing them to lead productive lives with reduced fear relating to their immigration status, and

WHEREAS, the announcement today by United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions that the administration will end the DACA program in six months has brought new and increased urgency to this legislative priority, and

WHEREAS, congressional action on DACA is imperative given the six month window before the program is terminated.

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

A. The metropolitan King County council:

1. Expresses King County's strong support for continuing the protections afforded under the DACA program;
2. Calls on congress to swiftly and comprehensively address federal immigration reform generally and DACA in particular to protect the legal status of thousands of Dreamers;

3. Directs the county's federal legislative team to prioritize work during the next six months to support efforts in Congress to continue the DACA protections; and

4. Requests that King County's government affairs teams commence efforts to build a broad coalition of county officials nationwide to support efforts in Congress to sustain the protections afforded by DACA.

B. The clerk of the council is directed to send a copy of this motion to each member of Washington's congressional delegation.