



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the county executive to execute an interlocal agreement among King County and the cities of Seattle and Tukwila and the Port of Seattle for the purposes of creating a strong partnership for collaboration to advance environmental initiatives in the Duwamish river basin.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County's six existing basin stewards operate primarily in the unincorporated portions of the county and are funded mostly by King County. The cities of Seattle and Tukwila, the Port of Seattle and King County as parties to the interlocal agreement recognize that their overlapping interests and responsibilities in the Duwamish river basin can be better addressed with a dedicated position to help coordinate among the parties, engage with community organizations, and spearhead efforts to protect and restore habitat for salmon as well as healthier urban habitat for the community.

2. Several community and partner organizations were instrumental in advocating for the creation of this position, including the Green River Coalition, the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition and the Green-Duwamish Watershed Ecosystem Forum.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The county executive is authorized to execute an agreement, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, with the cities of Seattle and Tukwila and the Port of Seattle to create a strong partnership for collaboration to advance environmental

initiatives in the Duwamish river basin.