



Legislation Text

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A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the first of two reports on addressing the criminal case backlog that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic and progress on addressing new eviction cases after the state moratorium is lifted, in response to the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P4.

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P4, states that \$200,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the office of performance strategy and budget transmits two reports on addressing the criminal case backlog that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic and progress on addressing new eviction cases after the state eviction moratorium is lifted, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P4, requires that the first report cover October 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, and include positions supported by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery revenues, how much appropriation has been expended as of March 31, 2023, the anticipated date by which the backlog of cases will be addressed assuming various funding scenarios for 2024, the identification and discussion of barriers and system challenges to addressing the case backlog, a plan to address the felony criminal backlog, funding options to address the backlog in felony criminal cases, data on superior court felony backlog, and discussion of the status of the district court backlog, and

WHEREAS, the King County executive hereby transmits to the council the COVID-19 Legal System Backlog Report: 2023-2024 Report 1;

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

The council hereby acknowledges receipt of the COVID-19 Legal System

Backlog: 2023-2024 Report 1 proviso response, Attachment A to this motion, as required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P4.