



Legislation Text

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A MOTION authorizing the chair of the council to enter into a contract for a governance study of the North Highline unincorporated area.

WHEREAS, the North Highline area is one of the ten largest urban unincorporated areas in King County, and

WHEREAS, the state Growth Management Act and the countywide planning policies envision that urban unincorporated areas be annexed or incorporated into cities by 2012, and

WHEREAS, the cities of Seattle and Burien have conducted studies to determine the fiscal impacts of annexing the North Highline area but no city has yet formally identified the North Highline area for potential annexation, and

WHEREAS, a potential alternative to annexation of an urban unincorporated area is incorporation as a new city, and

WHEREAS, the North Highline unincorporated area council has established the North Highline Governance Study Group to study issues related to annexation and incorporation, and

WHEREAS, the North Highline community and the council would benefit from a study regarding the feasibility of incorporation of the area, and

WHEREAS, the King County council set aside funding in the 2004 adopted King County budget to conduct an incorporation study for the North Highline area, and

WHEREAS, a competitive procurement process has been conducted, resulting in three proposals from firms qualified to undertake such a study, and

WHEREAS, the North Highline Governance Study Group and staff from the King County council

evaluated the proposals and selected Nesbitt Planning & Management, Incorporated as the preferred consultant, and

WHEREAS, the contract for the North Highline incorporation study will not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars, and

WHEREAS, these funds have been set aside in the council's 2004 budget for carryover to 2005 for the specific purpose of funding this study, and

WHEREAS, Motion 10651, Section III, as amended, and OR 1-020 requires the council to authorize the council chair to sign contracts in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

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

The council hereby authorizes the chair of the council to sign a contract not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars with Nesbitt Planning & Management, Incorporated for the purpose of conducting an incorporation study, including a community survey, of the North Highline area.