



## Legislation Text

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A MOTION accepting a report by the wastewater treatment division in the department of natural resources and parks regarding an analysis and verification of projected operating costs for the Brightwater Treatment System, as required in the 2010 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16717, Section 105, Proviso P2.

WHEREAS, King County is constructing Brightwater, a new regional wastewater treatment plant to serve northern King and southern Snohomish counties, and

WHEREAS, the Brightwater project's 13-mile conveyance tunnel consists of the east tunnel, west tunnel and two central tunnels ("BT-2 and BT-3 tunnels"), and

WHEREAS, the BT-2 and BT-3 tunnels have experienced lengthy construction delays that have impacted the project schedule and resulted in a delay in the projected completion date for the Brightwater project, and

WHEREAS, delays in starting operation of the Brightwater treatment system could result in sanitary sewer overflows and sewer backups into homes and businesses and result in King County and its ratepayers being subject to enforcement actions and penalties for failing to provide capacity and failing to meet its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements, and

WHEREAS, delays in completion of the BT-2 and BT-3 tunnels have resulted in delays to the availability of wastewater for treatment plant testing, commissioning and startup, and

WHEREAS, a proviso in the 2010 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16717, Section 105, Proviso P2, requires an analysis and verification of projected operating costs for the Brightwater Treatment System,

including potential opportunities to maximize operational savings before and during the commissioning of the Brightwater Treatment System, and

WHEREAS, King County wastewater treatment division staff have prepared a report in collaboration with the Brightwater oversight management consultant and the King County auditor's office capital project oversight program outlining the operating costs for the Brightwater Treatment System, including alternatives to mitigate schedule delays and cost impacts to the treatment plant resulting from tunnel delays;

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

The report describing the analysis of alternatives for commissioning the treatment plant, which is Attachment A to this motion, is hereby accepted.