



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

March 22, 2016

Resolution 16-04

Proposed No. 16-04.2

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION supporting collaboration for the purpose
2 of promoting compliance with Washington state law related
3 to the surrender of firearms by individuals subject to certain
4 court orders as described in ESHB 1840 (2014).

5 WHEREAS, a staggering portion of violence against women is fatal, and a key
6 driver of these homicides is access to guns, as reported by the Center for American
7 Progress in 2014. From 2001 through 2012, 6,410 women were murdered in the United
8 States by an intimate partner using a gun, and

9 WHEREAS, the Consortium for Risk-Based Firearm Policy asserts that the best
10 available research shows that the most important element in preventing fatalities is to
11 remove the firearm from the situation, and

12 WHEREAS, in 2013 through 2014, according to the Washington State Coalition
13 Against Domestic Violence, more than half of abusers responsible for domestic violence
14 related fatal shootings in Washington state were prohibited by law from owning firearms,
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the Washington state legislature passed ESHB 1840 in March 2014,
17 addressing the possession of firearms with regard to persons subject to no-contact orders,
18 protection orders and restraining orders, and

19 WHEREAS, there is a need for coordination, research and education to remove
20 obstacles to the implementation of effective turnover and removal processes for firearms
21 in these situations as provided for and prescribed in existing law;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
23 County:

24 The board calls on Public Health - Seattle & King County to seek appropriate
25 funding and convene a process of interjurisdictional collaboration across King County
26 with relevant stakeholders, including those that represent racially and ethnically diverse
27 communities disparately impacted by domestic violence, to develop a program model for
28 improving compliance with state law by implementing more-effective turnover and
29 removal processes for firearms for individuals subject to no-contact orders, protection

30 orders and restraining orders, where the court has ordered firearm turnover under existing
31 law, and notification of victims of the return of those firearms.

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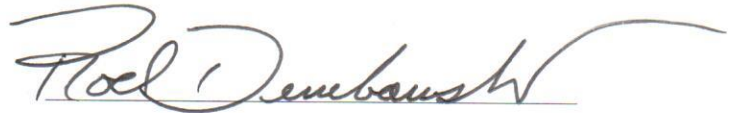
Resolution 16-04 was introduced on and passed as amended by the Board of Health on 3/17/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Lambert, Mr. Baker, Dr. Danielson, Ms. Bagshaw, Ms. Wales, Mr. Dembowski, Dr. Daniell, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Juarez

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Mr. McDermott

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None