

**KING COUNTY** 

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.

## Signature Report

## December 12, 2017

## Motion 15029

Proposed No. 2017-0496.3

**Sponsors** Balducci, Kohl-Welles, Dembowski, Gossett, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, Lambert and Dunn

1	A MOTION stating the King County council's intent to
2	develop an implementation plan to invest proceeds from the
3	Puget Sound taxpayers' accountability account to improve
4	educational outcomes in King County through investments
5	in early learning programs; college and career training
6	programs; and in programs that serve children and youth
7	from low-income families or communities of color, or who
8	are homeless, in the foster care system, in the child welfare
9	system, involved in the juvenile justice system or otherwise
10	vulnerable.
11	"WHEREAS, the Washington state Legislature amended chapter 81.112 RCW via
12	Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987 in 2015 to create the Puget Sound taxpayer
13	accountability account, and
14	WHEREAS, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account is to be funded by a
15	sales and use tax offset fee of three and twenty-five one-hundredths percent of the total
16	payments made by a regional transit authority to construction contractors on construction
17	projects that are:
18	1. For new projects identified in the system plan funded by any proposition

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19	approved by voters after January 1, 2015; and
20	2. Excluded from the definition of retail sales under RCW 82.04.050(10), and
21	WHEREAS, on July 26, 2017, the King County council's committee of the whole
22	held a special meeting in the city of Kent to discuss the account to hear from the public
23	on this topic, and
24	WHEREAS, the King County council adopted Motion 14923 directed legislative
25	department staff to prepare a report, in consultation with all councilmembers and the
26	executive branch that provides strategies for how King County can engage stakeholders
27	in a public process to determine how to use proceeds from Sound Transit 3 in the Puget
28	Sound taxpayer accountability account, and
29	WHEREAS, between 2018 and 2035, King County is projected to receive
30	approximately three hundred fifteen million dollars, and
31	WHEREAS, the proceeds are required by RCW 43.79.520 "for educational
32	services to improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education
33	including, but not limited to, for youths that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care,
34	or other vulnerable populations," and
35	WHEREAS, to the greatest extent practicable, the expenditures of the county
36	must follow the requirements of the Sound Transit subarea equity policy, and
37	WHEREAS, the proceeds may only be spent after the Washington state
38	Legislature appropriates them, and
39	WHEREAS, meaningful funding from the account will be available starting in
40	2019, and
41	WHEREAS, the Youth Action Plan defines youth as people from ages sixteen to

42	twenty-five, and
43	WHEREAS, economic status and race are predictors educational outcomes and
44	economic mobility, and
45	WHEREAS, King County has traditionally not been involved in providing direct
46	educational services to children or youth, and
47	WHEREAS, King County is fortunate to be home to dozens of organizations that
48	work to improve educational outcomes for students and youth in all parts of the county;
49	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
50	A. King County will utilize moneys from the Puget Sound taxpayers'
51	accountability account to meet the following goals:
52	1. Ensure every child in King County is ready for kindergarten;
53	2. Improve educational outcomes for children and youth who are homeless, in
54	the foster care system, in the child welfare system, involved in the juvenile justice system
55	or otherwise vulnerable;
56	3. Close the opportunity gap for children and youth of color and low-income
57	children and youth;
58	4. End the school to prison pipeline and reduce youth involvement in the
59	criminal justice system;
60	5. Embody the King County equity and social justice goal;
61	6. Ensure all youth in King County are prepared to fill the jobs of the future; and
62	7. Build a legacy for King County that lasts beyond the duration of the funding.
63	B. In order to meet the goals stated in section A. of this motion, King County will
64	use the following principles:

65	1. Maximize the impact of the funding by focusing on no more than three areas
66	for investment;
67	2. Invest in programs and projects consistent with the limited duration of the
68	funding as much as possible, such as facility or pilot projects;
69	3. Prioritize programs that are evidence based or promising practices and have
70	measurable outcomes, while also investing in innovative approaches;
71	4. Include funding for direct services provided in and by the community being
72	served; and
73	5. Leverage existing initiatives, organizations, programs and funding sources,
74	such as the Youth Action Plan, , the Children and Youth Advisory Board, the Best Starts
75	for Kids Levy, and the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy, as well as related
76	investments by cities, the state of Washington, schools employers and private
77	foundations.
78	C. Puget Sound taxpayers' accountability account funding will be directed to the
79	following priority areas:
80	1. Early learning;
81	2. K-12 education for vulnerable and underserved children and youth; and
82	3. College, career, and technical education.
83	D. The council initiative's director will lead the development of the
84	implementation plan and will coordinate with the appropriate legislative branch and
85	executive branch staff. The council initiatives director should provide an oral update on
86	the progress of developing the implementation plan to the council's committee of the
87	whole each quarter.

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88	E. The King County council will engage a consultant to help facilitate
89	community outreach and prepare an implementation plan, for the life of the account,
90	guided by the goals and principles stated in section A and B of this motion, targeting the
91	priority areas in section C of this motion, and in accordance with section F of this motion.
92	The consultant shall meet with stakeholders and subject-matter experts when drafting the
93	implementation plan.
94	F. When conducting the community outreach to develop the implementation
95	plan, the consultant will explore a variety of strategies including, but not limited to:
96	1. Increasing access and success in postsecondary or career connected
97	education, including advisory support or other necessary services at community or
98	technical colleges via a "promise scholarship" program, or programs targeting low-
99	income youth, youth of color or homeless youth.;
100	2. Constructing, maintaining and renovating facilities to support early learning
101	programs;
102	3. Colocating early learning centers with affordable housing, including flexible,
103	mixed-use space to meet the multiple needs of children and youth with limited access to
104	services;
105	4. Programing or facilities to support children and youth who are homeless, in
106	the foster care system, in the child welfare system, involved in the juvenile justice system
107	or otherwise vulnerable or underserved;
108	5. Supporting asset building strategies for youth including children's educational
109	savings accounts;
110	6. Identifying innovative strategies to empower students to be change agents in

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their schools and communities who can identify and address social and racial injusticethrough advocacy and organizing; and

113 7. Training educators in the effects that economic status and institutional racism114 have on educational outcomes and economic mobility.

115 G. The King County council intends to engage the public directly through at least 116 two town hall meetings of the committee of the whole. The King County council also 117 intends to establish an advisory committee to review and provide comments on the 118 consultant's draft report and will establish this advisory committee in a future motion.

- 119 H. The implementation plan is due to the council by September 1, 2018, and will
- be used to inform the development of the 2019-2020 biennial budget.
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Motion 15029 was introduced on 11/27/2017 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/11/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci No: 0

Excused: 2 - Mr. Gossett and Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



Attachments: None