

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connie Ladenburg and Derek Young
2 Requested by: Council

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5 RESOLUTION NO. R2018-102
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8 **A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Establishing a Stakeholder**
9 **Group to Recommend a Strategic Plan for the Expenditure of**
10 **Funds Related to the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability**
11 **Account.**

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13 **Whereas**, in 2015, the Washington State Legislature passed Senate Bill 5987
14 which created the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account in the state treasury
15 as a part of transportation funding legislation; and

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17 **Whereas**, the aforesaid account will be funded from a sales and use tax offset
18 fee of 3.25% of total payments made by Sound Transit on the cost of construction
19 projects from “Sound Transit 3” as approved by voters in 2016; and

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21 **Whereas**, State law requires Sound Transit to pay the fee until \$518 million in
22 payments have been made to the account; and

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24 **Whereas**, funds from the account are to be distributed to King, Pierce and
25 Snohomish counties proportionally based on each county’s population in Sound
26 Transit’s jurisdictional boundaries; and

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28 **Whereas**, Sound Transit estimates Pierce County will receive \$123 million in
29 total funding between 2019 and 2035; and

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31 **Whereas**, Pierce County may use these funds “only for educational services to
32 improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education, including,
33 but not limited to, youths that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other
34 vulnerable populations” as prescribed in Section 43.79.520 in the Revised Code of
35 Washington section (RCW); and

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37 **Whereas**, to appropriate these funds effectively and equitably Pierce County
38 needs to determine which evidence based practices and programs will result in
39 advantageous outcomes for the citizens of Pierce County; and

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41 **Whereas**, the County Council has determined it is in the best interest of the
42 health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Pierce County, to establish a stakeholder
43 group to recommend a strategic plan for the expenditure of funds related to the Puget
44 Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account; **Now Therefore**,

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46 **BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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1 Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby establishes a stakeholder group to
2 recommend a strategic plan for the expenditure of funds related to the Puget Sound
3 Taxpayer Accountability Account. The stakeholder group and strategic plan are in no
4 way intended to oppose efforts to provide car tab fee relief and is expected to be
5 adaptable to funding reductions should such reductions occur.

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7 Section 2. Members of the stakeholder group shall be comprised of members
8 representing these interest groups and stakeholders consistent with its scale and
9 countywide focus:

- 10 • School Districts, including those that provide peer and parent support programs
- 11 addressing behavioral health (mental health and drug use) in school
- 12 • Early Learning Providers
- 13 • Pierce County Library System
- 14 • Community Youth Services
- 15 • Community Colleges, including technical colleges with expertise in work force
- 16 training programs
- 17 • University of Washington Tacoma
- 18 • Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.
- 19 • Metro Parks Tacoma

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22 Each organization or group is requested to designate one representative and one
23 alternate.

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25 ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2018.

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27 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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32 **Denise D. Johnson**
33 Clerk of the Council


Douglas G. Richardson
Council Chair

