

Ordinance No. 121905

Council Bill No. 113356

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The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

Council Bill/Ordinance sponsored by: RASMUSSEN

Councilmember

Richard J. McInerney

Committee Action:

San Diego
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by Mayor
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J. Landrigo
President of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2005.

**Returned Unsigned
by Mayor**

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 16th day of September, 2005.

Justin E. Pappas
City Clerk

(Seal)



FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	DOF Analyst/Phone:
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Legislation Title:

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation would place an advisory ballot measure before the voters stating that every person in the United States should have the right to health care of equal high quality and that the Congress should immediately enact legislation to implement this right. In addition, the City would take the necessary steps to help ensure this right, including but not limited to the following:

- Engage WA state representatives and senators in the U.S. Congress towards supporting legislation towards this end.
- Encourage a public outreach effort to engage the populace to learn more about this issue who would in turn pressure their representatives to act on this issue.
- Research ways that the Council can implement and improve healthcare access to the uninsured through city, county and state resources.

• **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

The need for universal access to quality health care is paramount. The problem is a national one and the lack of a rational system for funding and providing universal access to quality health care has led to a rapid increase in health-care costs in the United States, which now has the world's highest per-capita health-care costs. Toward this end, the Seattle City Council adopted Resolutions 30673 and 30582, both aimed at addressing health care issues for citizens of the City of Seattle. Currently, an estimated 11 percent of adults in Seattle do not have health insurance and the number of uninsured children in Washington State has reached the highest level in more than a decade. Further, an estimated 50 percent of Washington state residents do not have dental insurance or rely on Medicaid for coverage. Seattle's community health centers and public health primary care clinics have a common mission to provide treatment for individuals regardless of their ability to pay.



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August 16, 2005:

Health care advisory ballot measure:

Version #1:

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- *Please check one of the following:*

This legislation does not have any financial implications. *(Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)*

Note: The estimated publication costs are \$19,000 and will be paid from existing appropriations. Any potential costs resulting from the implementation of the ballot measure are unknown.





**Legislative Department
Office of City Clerk
Memorandum**

Date: September 16, 2005
To: Councilmembers
From: Judith E. Pippin, City Clerk *J. Pippin*
Subject: Mayor's Return of Council Bill 115356, Unsigned
(Health Care Advisory Ballot Measure)

On Friday, September 16, 2005, Mayor Nickels returned Council Bill 115356 relating to the Health Care Advisory Ballot Measure to this office without his signature. The Bill had been passed by Council on September 6, 2005.

The absence of the Mayor's signature indicates he neither approves nor disapproves the Council Bill, as addressed in Seattle Municipal Code 1.04.020 and City Charter Article IV Section 12. He did not include a transmittal message with the returned Bill.

A Bill returned by the Mayor unsigned is considered "approved" for purposes of the Bill becoming an Ordinance, and therefore, law, within the City of Seattle.

The effective date of this particular Ordinance is on the 11th day after its presentation to the Mayor, or September 17, 2005.

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WHEREAS, providing access to quality health care has moved the Seattle City Council to adopt Resolutions 30673 and 30582, both aimed at addressing health care issues for citizens of the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 11 percent of adults in Seattle do not have health insurance; and

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8 WHEREAS, these rising health-care costs not only exact a human toll, but affect the City's
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President _____ of the City Council

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City Clerk
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STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY

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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

No.

Affidavit of Publication

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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was published on

09/22/05

The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ 251.75, which amount has been paid in full.



Affidavit of Publication

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

09/22/05

[Signature]

Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

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Jan Drago

President of the City Council

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(Seal) Judith Pippin

City Clerk

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN, City Clerk

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