

RESOLUTION NO. 14415

A RESOLUTION OF THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING INITIATIVES 1100 AND 1105 PERTAINING TO THE PRIVATIZATION OF LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION AND SALES.

WHEREAS, Initiatives I-1100 and I-1105 aimed at privatizing the distribution and sale of hard liquor in the state of Washington will be voted upon at the November general election; and

WHEREAS, if said initiatives were to pass, it is estimated that state general revenues would be reduced by \$500 million and revenues of cities and counties would be reduced by \$200 million over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, it is predicted that if the initiatives pass, Thurston County will annually lose over \$700,000 in annual revenues; and

WHEREAS, the County has already experienced substantial loss of revenues due to the condition of the economy and further loss of revenues will put at risk the level of public health and safety services provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, due to a potential increase in the number of establishments that sell spirits, the passage of either or both of the Initiatives could lead to an increase in the misuse and excessive use of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that alcohol consumption is less in states which control the sales of liquor rather than allow liquor sales to be privatized; and

WHEREAS, the retail outlets of the Washington State Liquor Control Board have the best record in the nation regarding prohibitions against sales to minors; and

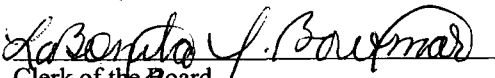
WHEREAS, the Board Of County Commissioners scheduled a public meeting on October 5, 2010 prior to the passage of this resolution with an opportunity afforded to those opposed to said initiatives and those in favor of said initiatives to speak to the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE BOARD OPPOSES INITIATIVES 1100 AND 1105.

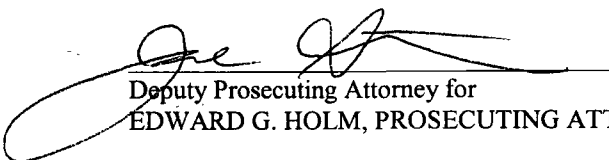
APPROVED AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners for Thurston County, Washington, this 5th day of October, 2010.

ADOPTED: October 5, 2010

ATTEST:

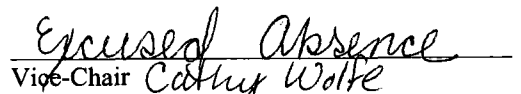

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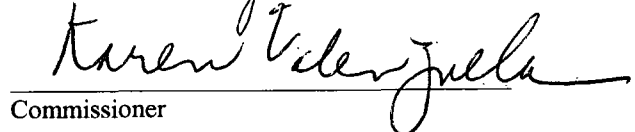
Approved as to Form:


Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for
EDWARD G. HOLM, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

**THURSTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**


Chair


Excused Absence
Vice-Chair


Commissioner