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Meeting Date: July 12, 2022
Agenda Item: 10a

ORDER NO. 2022-08
AN ORDER OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION
...to align Port of Seattle policing policy with Washington
State Governor Jay Inslee's Directive 22-12 prohibiting
cooperation or assistance with out-of-state abortion and
other reproductive health care investigations, prosecutions
or other legal actions.
PROPOSED
JULY 12, 2022
TEXT OF THE ORDER

The Port of Seattle Commission directs the Executive Director to develop and implement Port policy consistent with Washington State Governor Jay Inslee's Directive 22-12 of June 30, 2022, concerning reproductive health care investigations, prosecutions, and other legal matters. Such policy shall include the following:

Direction to the Port of Seattle Police Department to refrain from providing any cooperation or assistance whatsoever to any Federal or out-of-state law enforcement agency, public entity, or private party if the matter concerns abortion-related conduct or other reproductive health care services that are lawful in Washington, including but not limited to declining to cooperate with an out-of-state subpoena, search warrant, or court order that has not been domesticated in Washington State and is inconsistent with Washington's protections of the right to choose abortion and provide abortion-related care;

Establish a process consistent with the Washington State Office of the Attorney General and the Port's General Counsel to carefully scrutinize all requests for cooperation, assistance, or information related to reproductive health care or services from any party in any state where abortion is banned or otherwise restricted to a degree inconsistent with Washington State law; and Resolve any uncertainty related to specific requests for cooperation, assistance, or information related to reproductive health care or services by obtaining direction from the Port's General Counsel and report all requests for cooperation or assistance related to reproductive health care or services to the Commission.

Nothing in this Order prevents the granting of assistance or information that is necessary to comply with Washington State or federal law.

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER

This order seeks to align Port Policy with that of the state of Washington and other west coast states in response to the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which disregards a fundamental federal constitutional right to end pregnancy and the overwhelming public sentiment from constituents in King County. As abortion is a legal right within the state of Washington, it is critical that all law enforcement agencies within the state protect the rights of those seeking these services and not cooperate in any manner with any out-of-state investigation, prosecution, or other legal action. This order strives to ensure that the Port of Seattle and our Police Department takes no action to hinder anyone's right to access safe reproductive healthcare options within the state of Washington, which remains a legal right.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

(1)
Governors Directive 22-12

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