

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6352

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
State & Local Government, January 27, 2000

**Title:** An act relating to honoring the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Brief Description:** Honoring the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kline, Heavey, Patterson, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Shin, Fairley, Prentice, Costa, Thibaudeau, Wojahn, Snyder, Bauer, Eide, B. Sheldon, Rasmussen and Gardner.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State & Local Government: 1/24/2000, 1/27/2000 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6352 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Hale, Haugen, Horn and Kline.

**Staff:** Roger Brodniak (786-7445)

**Background:** William Rufus de Vane King (1786-1853) was a prominent national elected office who served as Vice President of the United States in 1853. The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. was a prominent civil rights leader and orator in the 1950s and 1960s.

King County was originally named in honor of William Rufus King, a prominent national elected official.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** King County is now renamed in honor of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968).

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The substitute bill recognizes that King County was originally named for William Rufus King, Vice President of the United States under Franklin Pierce in 1853.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., was a noble and influential leader in the civil rights movement, and his vision rings strongly today.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Sara Fleming Melten, WA Assn. of Counties (pro).