



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Columbus Health Department provides HIV/AIDS testing for patients of the STD Clinic and HIV Counseling and Testing Site. The Health Department uses OraQuick, a rapid HIV antibody detection test. It is highly accurate and provides results in 20 minutes. It is the only rapid test approved by the FDA for finger-stick, venipuncture, and oral fluid testing. The CDC recommends that the rapid HIV test be used to better ensure that all patients receive their results. OraSure is the sole manufacturer of OraQuick and is the only company that can legally distribute it to the Health Department.

The Columbus Health Department, as a public health agency, receives discounted pricing for the OraQuick test kits.

Emergency action is requested to ensure a sufficient supply of test kits for testing of patients.

OraSure's contract compliance number is 364370966, and expires 8/28/09.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this purchase is budgeted in the 2008 Health Department Grants Fund.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish a purchase order with OraSure for the purchase of OraQuick HIV antibody detection test kits for the Columbus Health Department in accordance with sole source provisions; to authorize the expenditure of \$4,000 from the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$4,000)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Health Department provides HIV testing for patients of the STD Clinic in the City of Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Health Department is in need of rapid HIV antibody detection test kits to provide the testing; and,

WHEREAS, OraSure is the sole supplier of OraQuick test kits; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Columbus Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with OraSure for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure a sufficient supply of test kits for testing of patients; Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Finance and Management is hereby authorized to establish a purchase order with OraSure for the purchase of rapid HIV test kits.

SECTION 2. That the total expenditure of \$4,000 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Department of Health, Department No. 50, Object Level One 02, Object Level Three 2293, OCA Code 508005, Grant No. 508005.

SECTION 3. That this purchase is in accordance with the provisions of the Columbus City Code, Section 329.07(e), "Sole Source Procurement."

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.

