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### **Public Hosp. Dist. No. 1 of King County v. University of Washington**

**Court of Appeals of Washington, Division 1 - June 23, 2014 - P.3d - 2014 WL 2853894**

Successor officers of county hospital district sought to invalidate strategic alliance agreement between it and state university that established means for joint or cooperative action between parties for operation of district's health care system as ultra vires.

The Superior Court granted university summary judgment. District appealed.

The Court of Appeals held that the agreement was not ultra vires, despite contention that agreement delegated district's core legislative powers to others. The agreement was authorized by statutes governing public hospital districts and Interlocal Corporation Act, agreement was not unlawful delegation of district's powers, and agreement was binding on successor officers of district, such that mere view of successor officers as to validity of agreement did not render it ultra vires.