Additional Meeting Materials

BOARD OF HEALTH

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King County 2027 Legislative Priorities

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Please note that the King County State Legislative Agenda is not yet adopted by the King County Council and priorities and language are subject to change.

Public Health and Care Access

- Protect and maintain funding for community behavioral health and crisis response
- Clarify policies for efficient and safe care and transportation of people in behavioral health crisis to appropriate behavioral health care
- Preserve access to physical and behavioral health care for those who have been categorically prohibited from Medicaid eligibility and those impacted by federal cuts and new requirements
- Provide capital budget support for the Harborview Bond program

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Housing & Homelessness

- Preserve state funding for essential programs that build new housing and help keep our residents in existing housing, including the Housing Trust Fund, rental assistance funding, and eviction defense funding
- Stabilize housing and homelessness programs threatened by federal Continuum of Care program changes and maintain capital and operating support across the housing spectrum, including affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, and emergency housing and shelters

Community Safety and Violence Prevention

- Create meaningful opportunities to keep young people from engaging in activities that result in them entering the criminal legal system and provide support for criminal diversion and rehabilitation opportunities for young people and adults reentering the community
- Support victim and survivor services through targeted investments and the inclusion of King County in the statewide contract for crime victim notification services

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Strengthen Families and the Safety Net

- Sustain state services for veterans and their families
- Protect access to special education services for children 0-5 and maintain other Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) funding
- Prevent additional cuts to childcare and support the childcare and early learning workforce
- Defend the LGBTQ community against attacks on civil rights and health care access

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Climate and Sustainability

- Support policies that boost access to clean electricity and protect our state's progress towards a 100% clean energy grid
- Advance King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan Goals through policy and investments
- Extend eligibility for Conservation Future Funds to federally recognized tribes
- Support flood mitigation and recovery policies

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Questions?

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