



King County

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Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda

Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

Councilmembers:

*Teresa Mosqueda, Chair;
Rhonda Lewis, Vice Chair;
Jorge L. Barón, Steffanie Fain*

*Lead Staff: Wendy Soo Hoo (206-477-0890)
Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)*

9:30 AM

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Room 1001

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes **p. 5**
4. Public Comment

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Consent

5. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0228](#) **p. 9**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Crystal Goodwin, who resides in council district seven, to the King County board for developmental disabilities.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

Miranda Leskinen, Council staff

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0253](#) **p. 16**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Dae Degrate, who resides in council district nine, to the King County behavioral health advisory board.

Sponsors: Dunn

Miranda Leskinen, Council staff

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0255](#) **p. 24**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Someireh Amirfaiz, who resides in council district nine, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County.

Sponsors: Dunn

Miranda Leskinen, Council staff

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0337](#) **p. 32**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Carrol Stripling, who resides in council district seven, to the King County veterans advisory board.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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Discussion and Possible Action

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0017](#) **p. 39**

A MOTION stating the council's support for continued entheogen-related research for alternative treatment modalities, structured medical models, and full decriminalization of entheogen-related activities and requesting that the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of any adult engaging in



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Sponsors: Mosqueda

Nick Bowman, Council staff

Briefing

10. [Briefing No. 2026-B0030](#) **p. 51**

Update on U.S. Continuum of Care Funding

Kelsey Beckmeyer, Continuum of Care Manager, King County Regional Homelessness Authority
Lisa Edge, Chief of External Affairs, King County Regional Homelessness Authority
Lauren Fay, Senior Business Manager, Downtown Emergency Service Shelter (DESC)

11. [Briefing No. 2026-B0031](#) **p. 52**

Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee (HHHS) Draft Workplan

Olivia Brey, Council staff

Other Business

Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

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1. Call to Order

Chair Mosqueda called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Barón, Fain, Lewis and Mosqueda

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Lewis moved approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2025 Special meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment

The following people were present to offer public comment:

1. Kody Zalowski 2. Kackson Holder 3. Kelsey Taylor 4. Christopher 5. Dr. Darcy Constans 6. Ginny Jordan; 7 Owen

Briefing

5. Briefing No. 2026-B0015

The impacts of Federal Funding Cuts and future service needs at Harborview Medical Center

Lindsey Grad, Legislative Director SEIU Healthcare 1199NW and Andrew Burton, Registered nurse representative, UW Medicine, commented to the Committee and answered questions from the members.

Sommer Kleweno Walley, CEO, Harborview Medical Center, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Ian Goodhew, Chief External Affairs Officer, UW Medicine and Madeline Grant, Chief Administrative Officer, Harborview Medical Center, were also presented to comment and answer questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

6. Briefing No. 2026-B0016

Impacts of Federal Funding Cuts and Scheduling Restrictions at Valley Medical Center

Rick Polintan, Commissioner, Valley Medical Center Commission; Lika Smith, ED of Pacific Islander Health Board, Amirah H. Ziada, Union Representative, OPEIU LOCAL 8 and Eily Brice, Co-Executive Director, NW Health Law Advocates commented and answered questions from the members.

David Smith, Chief Legal Counsel, Valley Medical Center, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Liz Nolan, Chief Communications & Philanthropy Officer, Valley Medical Center, was also present.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

7. Proposed Motion No. 2026-0017

A MOTION stating the council's support for continued entheogen-related research for alternative treatment modalities, structured medical models, and full decriminalization of entheogen-related activities and requesting that the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of any adult engaging in certain entheogen-related activities be among King County's lowest criminal enforcement priorities.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

Nick Bowman, Council staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from members. Daniel Clark, Chief Deputy, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, commented to the Committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature



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**Metropolitan King County Council
Health and Human Services Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Items:	5	Name:	Miranda Leskinen
Proposed No.:	2025-0228	Date:	March 3, 2026

SUBJECT

A Proposed Motion to confirm the appointment of Crystal Goodwin, who resides in Council District 7, to the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities, for the remainder of a three-year term to expire on September 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND

The King County Board for Developmental Disabilities is an advisory board that provides input on services and supports for children with developmental delays, adults with developmental disabilities, and the families of these individuals. The board is established under state law (RCW 71A.14.020)¹ and King County Code 2.32.020. The Board develops plans for developmental disability services, advises on funding priorities, shares information with community on developmental disabilities services, and advocates for funding and improvement in services. Board members include family advocates, self-advocates, professionals, and interested residents.

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Crystal Goodwin works for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction as a Statewide Proficiency Initiative for Languages and Learning Liaison. As indicated in her application materials, she has several years of experience working with various nonprofits, as well as extensive professional experience supporting individuals with physical and developmental disabilities.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment, which appears to be consistent with state law and King County Code requirements.

¹ RCW 71A.14.020 allows that “The county governing authority of any county may appoint a developmental disability board to plan services for persons with developmental disabilities, to provide directly or indirectly a continuum of care and services to persons with developmental disabilities within the county or counties served by the community board.” Boards established pursuant to this RCW can have no fewer than nine and up to 15 members.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0228
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Board Profile



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Motion

Proposed No. 2025-0228.1

Sponsors von Reichbauer

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2 Crystal Goodwin, who resides in council district seven, to
3 the King County board for developmental disabilities.

4 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

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6 district seven, to the King County board for developmental disabilities, for the remainder

Motion

7 of a three-year term to expire on September 30, 2027, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None



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July 22, 2025

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay
 Chair, King County Council
 Room 1200
 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion confirming the appointment of Crystal Goodwin, who resides in council district seven, to the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring September 30, 2027.

Ms. Goodwin's application, financial disclosure, board profile, and appointment letter, are enclosed to serve as supporting and background information to assist the Council in considering confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed legislation. If you have any questions about this appointment, please have your staff call Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, at (206) 477-3306.

Sincerely,

Shannon Braddock
 King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers
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 Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council
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 Stephanie Pure, Council Relations Director, Office of the Executive

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Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, Office of the Executive
Michaelle Monday, Staff Liaison
Crystal Goodwin

King County Board For Developmental Disabilities Profile
July 15, 2025, Contact: Michaelle Monday at 206-263-9055
15 members (15 County appointments)
Three-year terms (two terms maximum unless a waiver is granted)

Position No.	Name	KC District	Affiliation Responsibility	Date first Appointed	Current Term Expires
1	Crystal Goodwin (Pending)	7	Self-identifies as a person with a disability who is advocating for disability issues.		9/30/2027
2	VACANT		Business professional and parent of an individual with a disability.		9/30/2027
3	Brandon Graham	6	Self-identifies as a person with a disability who is advocating for disability issues.	8/18/2023	9/30/2025
4	Maria Laura Musso Escude	1	Business professional advocating for disability issues and she has a family member with a developmental disability	10/6/2021	9/30/2024
5	VACANT		Parent of an individual with a developmental disability.		9/30/2027
6	VACANT		Business professional self-identifies as a person with a developmental disability and advocate for disability issues.		9/30/2023
7	Elizabeth Bardeen	4		10/24/23	9/30/2026
8	Amanda Knot	7		3/19/24	9/30/2025
9	Molly McCoy	8			9/30/2025
10	Joe Cunningham	1	Parent of an individual with a developmental disability.	12/18/2019	9/30/2023
11	Devony Boyle			3/19/24	9/30/2025
12	VACANT				9/30/2024
13	Seapa Stovall	9		10/24/23	9/30/2026
14	Vacant				9/30/2025
15	Radhe Morgan	4		3/19/24	9/30/2026



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**Metropolitan King County Council
Health and Human Services Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	6	Name:	Miranda Leskinen
Proposed No.:	2025-0253	Date:	March 3, 2026

SUBJECT

A Proposed Motion to confirm the appointment of Dae Degrate, who resides in Council District 9, to the to the King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring March 31, 2028.

BACKGROUND

The King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) is a volunteer board developed in accordance with state law¹ and King County Code² that advises the County Executive and the County Council on mental health and substance use matters, as well as serves as the advisory body for both the Crisis Care Centers Levy and for the King County Behavioral Health Administrative Organization (BHASO) that oversees area behavioral health and crisis services.³

King County Code requires the BHAB to have no fewer than nine and no more than 18 members, as determined by the Executive. Members are appointed by the Executive, subject to Council confirmation of their appointment.

The Code requires that Board membership be broadly representative of the community and geographic and demographic mix of the populations served. A majority of the Board must include:

- Persons having lived experience with one or more behavioral health conditions;
- Parents or legal guardians of persons having lived experience with one or more behavioral health conditions; and
- Persons self-identified as being in recovery from one or more behavioral health conditions.

Board membership requirements in Couty Code further stipulates that:

¹ RCW 71.24.300

² KCC 2A.300.050

³ The King County BHASO manages the state non-Medicaid funded behavioral health system in King County including Crisis and Commitment Services (involuntary hospitalization and the Designated Crisis Responders), prevention services, Federal Block Grant funded mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and the Children's Crisis Outreach Response System.

- At least two members of the Board must be persons who have previously received crisis stabilization services;
- At least two members of the Board must be persons with professional training and experience in the provision of behavioral health crisis care;
- Law enforcement must be represented on the Board;
- The Board cannot include members who are employees and/or decision makers of contractors with King County, in its capacity as the BHASO, with a conflict of interest due to policy or fiscal decision-making authority on behalf of an impacted organization; and
- The Board cannot include more than four elected officials as members at any given time.

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Dae Degrate works as a Behavioral Health Advocate for the Office of Behavioral Health Advocacy. As indicated in her application materials, her interest in serving on the King County BHAB stems from a deep commitment to advocating for equitable access to mental health and wellness resources within the [King County] community.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment, which appears to be consistent with the requirements of KCC 2A.300.050.

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1. Proposed Motion 2025-0253
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Board Profile



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Proposed No. 2025-0253.1

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7 three-year term to expire on March 31, 2028, is hereby confirmed.

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Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None



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August 15, 2025

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay
 Chair, King County Council
 Room 1200
 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion confirming the appointment of Dae Degrade, who resides in council district nine, to the King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring March 31, 2028.

Dae Degrade's application, financial disclosure, board profile, and appointment letter, are enclosed to serve as supporting and background information to assist the Council in considering confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed legislation. If you have any questions about this appointment, please have your staff call Tala Mahmoud, External Relations Director, at (206) 477-3306.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Pure, Council Relations Director, Office of the Executive
Tala Mahmoud, External Relations Director, Office of the Executive
Kathleen Murphy, Staff Liaison
Dae Degrade

KING COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: 2025

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 9

LENGTH OF TERM: 3

** King County seeks to create an inclusive and accessible process for individuals who wish to serve on a King County board or commission. We strive to ensure that King County boards and commissions are representative of the communities we serve.*

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Pos. No.	Name	KCC District	Crisis Response Zone	Background	Date Appointed	Term Expires	Number of Appointed Terms
1	Jasmeet Singh	2	Central	Lived Experience	5/14/21; 4/26/22	3/31/25	1 partial; 1 full
2	Dae Degrade (pending appointment)	9	South			3/31/28	
3	Vacant					3/31/25	
4	Vacant					3/31/25	
5	Vacant					3/31/25	
6	Lucas Sherman	2	Central	Lived Experience	1/10/20; 4/26/22	3/31/25	2 full
7	Stacey Devenney	8	Central	Lived Experience	10/6/21; 8/23/23	3/31/26	1 partial; 1 full
8	Nancy Dow	2	Central	Lived Experience	4/1/16; 6/17/21	3/31/24	2 full
9	Vacant					3/31/27	
10	Vacant					3/31/27	
11	David Sullivan	8	Central	Law Enforcement	4/11/24	3/31/25	1 partial
12	Kevin Host	4	North	Professional training & experience in BH Crisis Care	8/23/23	3/31/26	1 full
13	Mustafa Mohammed	5	South	Professional training & experience in BH Crisis Care	10/24/23	3/31/26	1 partial
14	Kristina Sawyckyj	1	North	Lived Experience	4/11/2024	3/31/26	1 partial
15	Lyscha Marcynyszyn	4	North	Lived Experience	4/11/2024	3/31/26	1 partial
16	Vacant						

17	Vacant						
18	Vacant			Tribal representative			



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**Metropolitan King County Council
Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	7	Name:	Miranda Leskinen
Proposed No.:	2025-0255	Date:	March 3, 2026

SUBJECT

Proposed Motion 2025-0255 would confirm the appointment of Someireh Amirfaiz, who lives in Council District 9, to the King County Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Advisory Committee as a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County, for the remainder of a four-year term to expire on June 30, 2028.

BACKGROUND

The 37-member King County MIDD Advisory Committee (K.C.C. 2.130.010) is composed of separately elected officials, King County agency representatives, representatives of behavioral health service providers, managed care organizations operating in King County, and individuals with lived experience. The committee acts as an advisory body to the Council and the Executive.

In accordance with King County Code, the Committee is tasked with:

- Reviewing and providing written recommendations to the Executive and Council on the implementation and effectiveness of the county's MIDD sales tax-funded programs in meeting its goals;
- Reviewing and reporting to the Executive and the Council on annual evaluation reports for MIDD;
- Reviewing and commenting on emerging and evolving priorities for the use of MIDD sales tax revenue;
- Serving as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities involved with MIDD sales tax programs;
- Educating the public, policymakers and stakeholders on MIDD sales tax-funded programs; and
- Coordinating and sharing information with other related efforts and groups.

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Dr. Someireh Amirfaiz is the Executive Director for New Americans Alliance for Policy and Research (NAAPR) and has served on numerous community Boards and Commissions. According to her application materials, Dr. Amirfaiz has led organizations

across the Puget Sound that provide comprehensive services to refugees and immigrants, including licensed behavioral health services.

ANALYSIS

Proposed Motion 2025-0255 would confirm the appointment of Someireh Amirfaiz, who lives in Council District 9, to the King County Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Advisory Committee as a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County, for the remainder of a four-year term to expire on June 30, 2028. Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment, which appears to be consistent with the requirements of K.C.C. 2.130.010.

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ATTEST:

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Ms. Amirfaiz's application, financial disclosure, board profile, and appointment letter, are enclosed to serve as supporting and background information to assist the Council in considering confirmation.

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Robin Pfohman / Gretchen Bruce, Staff Liaison
Someireh Amirfaiz

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Advisory committee
Date: End of Year Report for 2024
Total number of members: 37
Length of Term: 4-year terms

A MIDD MEMBERS NOT REQUIRING EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT AND COUNCIL CONFIRMATION
 B MIDD MEMBERS APPOINTED AND CONFIRMED TO SERVE ON ANOTHER BOARD (Terms Expiration Assigned by BHAB)
 C MIDD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRING EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT AND COUNCIL CONFIRMATION

28 Current Members

Member Type	Pos	Name	KCC District	Representing / Background	Appointed	Term Expires	Number of Appointed Terms	Designees
A	1	Rebecca Robertson Rebecca Robertson	8	Representative from the District Court Judge, King County District Court		Ongoing	N/A	Corinna Harn
A	2	Catherine Cornwall Catherine Cornwall	4	Representative from the Department of Judicial Administration Department Director, King County Judicial Administration	6/30/2008	Ongoing	N/A	Christina Mason
A	3	VACANT VACANT		Representative from King County Regional Homelessness Authority vacant		Ongoing	N/A	
A	4	Jorene Reiber Jorene Reiber	5	Representative from King County integration initiative, juvenile Director, King County Juvenile Court	3/1/2021	Ongoing	N/A	Paul Daniels
A	5	Leesa Manion Leesa Manion	8	Representative from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office Prosecutor, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office		Ongoing	N/A	Carla Lee
A	6	Dr Faisal Khan Dr Faisal Khan	4	Representative from the Department of Public Health-Seattle King County Director and Health Officer, Public Health-Seattle and King County		Ongoing	N/A	Brad Finegood
A	7	Kate Benward Kate Benward		Representative from the Department of Public Defense Assistant Special Counsel, Department of Public Defense	7/1/2025	Ongoing	N/A	
A	8	Ketu Shah Ketu Shah	8	Representative from the Superior Court Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court	9/26/2019	Ongoing	N/A	
A	9	Kelly Rider Kelly Rider	4	Representative from the Department of Community and Human Services Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services	4/1/2024	Ongoing	N/A	
A	10	Teresa Mosqueda Teresa Mosqueda	3	Representative from King County Council Councilmember from District 8	4/23/2020	Ongoing	N/A	melanie kray
A	11	Steve Larsen Steve Larsen	3	Representative from the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention	1/1/2022	Ongoing	N/A	
A	12	Kelli Carroll Kelli Carroll	4	Representative from the Executive Director of Special Projects, KC Executive Office	1/1/2018	Ongoing	N/A	
A	13	Patti Cole-Tindall Patti Cole-Tindall	4	Representative from the Sheriff's Office Sheriff, King County Sheriff's Office	1/1/2022	Ongoing	N/A	
B	14	Jasmeet Singh Jasmeet Singh	6	Representative from King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Member, King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	3/14/2022	At discretion of Board		Carolyn Graye
C	15	Vacant Vacant		Representative from the Puget Sound Educational Services District				
C	16	Claudia D'Allegri Claudia D'Allegri	8	Representative from the Community Health Council VP, Behavioral Health, SeaMar Community Health Centers	10/17/2016	6/30/2024	3 Full	
C	17	Stacey Devenney Stacey Devenney	8	Representative from Harborview Medical Center Interim Director of Outpatient Services, HMC	3/15/2024	6/30/2028	1 Full	
C	18	VACANT VACANT		Representative from labor representing a bona fide labor organization				
C	19	VACANT VACANT	2	Representative from City of Seattle Jeff Sakuma retired 7/1/25				
C	20	NOMINEE-Someireh Amirfaiz	9	Representative from a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County			6/30/2028	
C	21	Minu Ranna-Stewart Minu Ranna-Stewart	2	Representative from a provider of sexual assault victim services Director of Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic S	7/1/2025 Nominated			George Gonzalez
C	22	Trencia Wilson Trencia Wilson	7	Representative from the domestic violence prevention services Clinical Director, New Beginnings	1/14/2021	6/30/2027	2 Full	Carlin Yoophum Alicia Glenwell
C	23	Anthony Austin Anthony Austin	2	Representative from an agency providing mental health and ch Executive Director of Southeast Youth and Family Services	6/30/2023	6/30/2027	2 Full	
C	24	VACANT VACANT		Representative from the national alliance on mental illness Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness - Seattle				
C	25	Mario Paredes	3	Representative from a provider of culturally specific chemical d	9/29/2017	6/30/2025	2 Full	

		Mario Paredes		Consejo Counseling and Referral Service	Reappointment requested			
C	26	Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke	4	Representative of an organization with expertise in helping ind CEO of HERO House NW	10/2/2018	6/30/2027	1 Full r..11	Danielle Burt
C	27	Vacant Vacant	5	Representative from the Sound Cities Association	waiting for nomination from SCA			
C	28	Lynne Robinson Lynne Robinson	6	Representative from the City of Bellevue Mayor, City of Bellevue	5/8/2014	6/30/2026	3 Full	Mo Malakoutian
C	29	Beratta Gomillion Beratta Gomillion	1	Representative from the provider of both mental health and ch Center for Human Services	6/15/2024	6/15/2028	1 Full	Don Clayton
C	30	Darcy Jaffe Darcy Jaffe	4	Representative from the WA State Hospital Association, repres Senior Vice-President of Safety and Quality for Washington State Hospital Association	5/31/2019	6/30/2027	2 Full	Ryan Robertson
C	31	Vacant Vacant		Representative of a philanthropic organization				
C	32	Joshua Wallace Joshua Wallace	2	Representative of an organization with expertise in recovery Executive Director of Peer Washington	8/4/2017	6/30/2027	1 Full r..11	Cody West
C	33	Jessica Molberg Jessica Molberg	8	Representative of the five managed care organizations operatin Director of Behavioral Health, Coordinated Care of WA	7/27/2018	6/30/2026	2 Full	
C	34	Fartun Mohamed Fartun Mohamed	7	Representative of a grassroots organization serving a cultural p	8/16/2019	6/30/2024	1 Full r..11	Rowaida Mohammed
C	35	NOMINATED-Jeni Johnson	8	Representative of unincorporated King County			6/30/2027	
C	36	VACANT VACANT		An individual representing behavioral health consumer interests from the mental illness and drug dependency communities ad hoc work group				
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**Metropolitan King County Council
Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	8	Name:	Miranda Leskinen
Proposed No.:	2025-0337	Date:	March 3, 2026

SUBJECT

A Proposed Motion to confirm the appointment of Carol Stripling, who resides in Council District 7, to the King County Veterans’ Advisory Board, for the remainder of a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2028.

BACKGROUND

King County Veterans Program (KCVP). The King County Veterans Program (KCVP) has served low-income, homeless, disabled, at-risk veterans and their families since the 1950s. The KCVP is required by state law and is funded by King County taxpayers.¹ The KCVP provides numerous direct services including case management, financial assistance, housing assistance, mental health referrals, and other supportive services. The KCVP works collaboratively with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, the VA Regional Office, the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), and various community organizations.

State law requires counties to maintain a veterans' advisory board to oversee each county’s state-mandated veterans’ assistance program.

From 2018-2024, the membership of the Veterans Committee of the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Advisory Board dually served as the membership of the state-required King County Veterans’ Advisory Board. In June 2024, the Council passed Ordinance 19780 to make updates to the VSHSL Advisory Board in accordance with recommendations from the 2024-2029 renewal VSHSL Implementation Plan (Ordinance 19719). These updates included, among other things, separating the state-required Veterans’ Advisory Board from the VSHSL Advisory Board’s Veterans Committee. Ordinance 19781 was concurrently adopted to establish the King County Veterans’ Advisory Board as a standalone entity, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2A.300.

¹ State law (RCW 73.08.080) requires the legislative authority in each county to create a veterans’ assistance fund that is funded through a property tax of their respective counties. Per RCW 73.08.010(1), county veterans’ assistance programs shall be funded, at least in part, by the veterans’ assistance fund created under the authority of RCW 73.08.080.

Veterans’ Advisory Board Overview. Requirements relating to the composition, duties, and terms of the King County Veterans’ Advisory Board, which are identified in K.C.C. 2A.300.530, are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Overview of the Veterans’ Advisory Board Composition and Duties

<p>Board Duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Advise</u> County on the needs of local indigent veterans and available resources and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families • <u>Advise</u> DCHS, or its successor, on the administration of the King County Veterans’ Program, the county’s state-required veterans’ assistance program (per Chapter 73.08 RCW) • <u>Meet</u> at least four times annually • <u>Elect</u> a chair annually from its membership 	<p>Board Composition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 members appointed by the Executive, in accordance with RCW 73.08.035, and subject to Council confirmation <p>Board Member Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four-year terms (after initial board) • Members are not allowed to serve on the Board for more than 4 consecutive years <p>Board Membership Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must reside in King County • Must be a veteran as defined in RCW 73.08.005
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APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Carrol Stripling is a military veteran and a member of several veteran organizations. Moreover, she has served on the VSHSL Advisory Board’s Veterans Committee (2017-2025).

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment, which appears to be consistent with King County Code requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0337
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Board Profile



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Signature Report

ATTACHMENT 1

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Motion

Proposed No. 2025-0337.1

Sponsors von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
2 Carrol Stripling, who resides in council district seven, to
3 the King County veterans advisory board.
4 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
5 The county executive's appointment of Carrol Stripling, who resides in council
6 district seven, to the King County veterans advisory board, for the remainder of a three-

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7 year term to expire on April 30, 2028, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None



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October 20, 2025

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay
 Chair, King County Council
 Room 1200
 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion confirming the appointment of Carrol Stripling, who resides in council district seven, to the King County Veterans Advisory Board, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring April 30, 2028.

Ms. Stripling's application, financial disclosure, board profile, and appointment letter, are enclosed to serve as supporting and background information to assist the Council in considering confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed legislation. If you have any questions about this appointment, please have your staff call Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, at (206) 477-3306.

Sincerely,

Shannon Braddock
 King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers
 ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council
 Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council
 Karan Gill, Deputy Executive, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive
 Stephanie Pure, Council Relations Director, Office of the Executive

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Tala Mahmoud, External Relations Director, Office of the Executive
Bryan Fry / Joanna Bomba, Staff Liaison
Carrol Stripling

KING COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD**DATE: 4/25/25****TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 9****LENGTH OF TERM: 4 YEARS (INITIAL OF 2, 3, 4 - YEARS)****KCC 2A.300.530**

** King County seeks to create an inclusive and accessible process for individuals who wish to serve on a King County board or commission. We strive to ensure that King County boards and commissions are representative of the communities we serve.*

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Pos. No.	Name	KCC District	Background	Date Appointed	Term Expires	Number of Appointed Terms
1	Faisal Ahkter	2		5/12/25	4/30/29	
2	Peter Lewis	7		5/12/25	4/30/27	
3	Carrol Stripling (pending appointment)	7			4/30/28	
4	Eric Ballentine	5		5/27/25	4/30/28	
5	Brian Berry	1		5/12/25	4/30/27	
6	Juanita Pettersen	3		6/25/25	4/30/28	
7	VACANT				4/30/27	
8	Douglas Hollingsworth	8		6/25/25	4/30/29	
9	VACANT				4/30/29	



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**Metropolitan King County Council
Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	9	Name:	Nick Bowman
Proposed No.:	2026-0017	Date:	March 3, 2026

SUBJECT

A motion stating the Council’s support for entheogen related research and the decriminalization of entheogen related activities, as well as requesting that County law enforcement actions toward certain entheogen-related activities be among the County’s lowest priorities.

SUMMARY

Proposed Motion 2026-0017 would state the Council’s support for continued research for entheogen-related treatments and for full decriminalization of the personal use of entheogens at the state and federal level. The proposed motion would also request that criminal enforcement actions against adults engaging in the cultivation of entheogens for certain uses and personal practices be designated among the County’s lowest priorities.

BACKGROUND

Entheogen is a term that encompasses any living, fresh, dried, or processed plant or fungal material, including teas or powders, that may contain currently scheduled or analog psychoactive indolamines, tryptamines, or phenethylamines, including, but not limited to, psilocybin mushrooms, ayahuasca tea, mescaline, and iboga. There is well documented historical and cultural evidence that many entheogens have been used for religious, spiritual, and ceremonial purposes in various societies around the world.¹

In the United States, entheogens are generally classified as Schedule 1 substances making their possession and use illegal under federal law.²

Despite their illegality at the federal level, there is a growing body of scientific evidence showing potential medical and therapeutic benefits from the controlled, clinical use of entheogens for certain mental health conditions. The United States Food and Drug Administration designated psilocybin-assisted therapy as a breakthrough therapy for treatment-resistant depression in 2018 and major depressive disorder in 2019.³ More

¹ [Sayin, H.U. \(2014\), Bouayad, A. \(2019\), Malcolm, B. J., & Lee, K. C. \(2018\).](#)

² 21 USC 812: Schedules of controlled substances

³ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37247807/>

recently, a 2024 systematic review found that psychedelic substances, including psilocybin, LSD, ayahuasca, and MDMA, demonstrated therapeutic benefits for mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety, with psilocybin supported by the greatest number of studies.⁴

The potential therapeutic and medicinal benefits of entheogens has been cited by number of jurisdictions in Washington State which have passed resolutions supporting the decriminalization of entheogens for therapeutic and personal use, including the cities of Olympia, Seattle, and Tacoma and Jefferson County.⁵ Nationally, the states of Colorado, Oregon, and New Mexico have either decriminalized entheogen use or legalized entheogen use with a therapist or licensed facilitator.⁶

ANALYSIS

Proposed Motion 2026-0017 would state the Council's support for continued research for entheogen-related alternative treatment modalities and structured medical models and its support for the full decriminalization of the personal use of entheogens at the state and federal level.

The proposed motion also requests that the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of any adult engaging in the cultivation of entheogens for use in religious, spiritual, healing, or personal growth practices be designated among King County's lowest criminal enforcement priorities, and that County resources not be expended for such law enforcement actions. The proposed motion clarifies that these requests are limited to unincorporated areas and are not intended for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) to decline the prosecution of cases for entheogen-related offenses which involve other substances or where public safety is put at risk.

The proposed motion further states that passage of the motion does not reflect any intent on the part of the Council to support or encourage:

- Driving under the influence of entheogens;
- Possession or distribution of entheogens in schools;
- Use of entheogens on any form of public transit;
- Possession, distribution, or sale of entheogens by or to minor children;
- Commercial manufacturing or sales of entheogens; or
- Conduct that puts public safety at risk.

In response to staff's inquiries regarding the proposed motion the PAO provided the following information:

"Drug possession cases have not been felony crimes since 2021 (when the State Supreme Court's Blake decision ruled felony drug possession unconstitutional; this was followed by a 2023 state law (SB 5536) which made drug possession

⁴ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0165178124001719?via%3Dihub>

⁵ [Olympia Resolution M-2549](#), [Seattle Resolution 32021](#), [Jefferson County Resolution 1923](#), [Tacoma Resolution 41609](#)

⁶ <https://psychedelicalpha.com/data/psychedelic-laws>

and use a gross misdemeanor statewide). As a result, drug possession cases - street use cases - are handled at the city level by law. Law enforcement would only refer possession cases to [the PAO] if they occurred on state roadways or in unincorporated areas of King County. [The PAO's] focus is going after drug trafficking and drug dealing, particularly fentanyl and meth."

The King County Sheriff's Office responded with the following information:

"KCSO prioritizes its investigations on behaviors and circumstances that are unsafe for a person and/or other people in community and/or criminal in nature. If while interacting with someone [and] one of these substances are mentioned or encountered, deputies will typically note them in a report. If the substances are present, deputies will usually take possession of them for disposal. KCSO does not typically focus on the possession or use of entheogens as a sole reason for investigating or enforcing laws on someone.

KCSO conducted a search of its Mark 43 Offense database using the terms entheogen, psilocybin, and mushrooms for 3 years beginning January 1, 2023 and found 125 responsive cases where there was mention of these substances. Of the 125 cases there were 11 cases with enforcement[,] of which 10 were controlled substances cases where other narcotics or cannabis was involved and 1 was a DUI. In the remaining cases, if these substances were encountered, deputies typically confiscated them for disposal without further action."

AMENDMENT

Striking amendment S1 makes a series of changes to the underlying motion including:

- Changing the definition of "entheogen" to include only naturally occurring plant or fungal substances;
- Clarifying the term "personal use" means limited, non-commercial purposes;
- Clarifying the motion does not reflect the intent of the Council to limit law enforcement personnel or first responders from acting to address entheogen related conduct which is harmful or otherwise illegal;
- Clarifying the Council's support for certain entheogen related uses is limited to persons 21 and older and that the Council does not support entheogen use in public places; and
- Adding a new section D limiting the legal effect of the proposed motion.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2026-0017
2. Striking Amendment S1



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Signature Report

ATTACHMENT 1

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Motion

Proposed No. 2026-0017.1

Sponsors Mosqueda

1 A MOTION stating the council's support for continued
2 entheogen-related research for alternative treatment
3 modalities, structured medical models, and full
4 decriminalization of entheogen-related activities and
5 requesting that the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of
6 any adult engaging in certain entheogen-related activities
7 be among King County's lowest criminal enforcement
8 priorities.

9 WHEREAS, entheogen is a term that encompasses any living, fresh, dried, or
10 processed plant or fungal material, including teas or powders, that may contain currently
11 scheduled or analog psychoactive indolamines, tryptamines, or phenethylamines,
12 including, but not limited to, psilocybin mushrooms, ayahuasca tea, mescaline, and iboga,
13 and

14 WHEREAS, depression, severe anxiety, problematic substance use, post-
15 traumatic stress, end-of-life anxiety, grief, isolation, intergenerational trauma, and other
16 physical and mental conditions are plaguing many communities, and scientific and
17 clinical studies show the benefits of entheogens in treating these conditions, and

18 WHEREAS, communities face unprecedented mental health crisis, unprecedented
19 suicide rates, especially among veterans and marginalized groups, and a deepening opioid

20 addiction crisis and the Washington state Legislature can contribute to removing stigmas
21 through public education and supporting community mental health efforts, and

22 WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration-sanctioned clinical
23 trials show positive results that demonstrate the safety and efficacy of psilocybin assisted
24 therapy, and

25 WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration designated
26 psilocybin-assisted therapy as a breakthrough therapy for treatment-resistant depression
27 in 2018 and major depressive disorder in 2019, and

28 WHEREAS, human cultures around the world recognize entheogens as sacred
29 and have used them as part of their cultural, spiritual, and religious practices for
30 generations, and

31 WHEREAS, a variety of jurisdictions in the United States, including the cities of
32 Olympia, Port Townsend, Seattle, and Tacoma and Jefferson County, have supported
33 decriminalization of entheogens, and Colorado, Oregon, and Washington, D.C., have
34 decriminalized some or all entheogens through successful ballot initiatives, and

35 WHEREAS, decriminalization of entheogens does not undermine the seriousness
36 of the opioid epidemic and impact of harmful substances on the lives of individuals,
37 families, and communities;

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

39 A. The council states its support for continued research for entheogen-related
40 alternative treatment modalities and structured medical models. The council further
41 states its support for the full decriminalization of the personal use of entheogens at the
42 state and federal level.

43 B.1. The council requests that investigation, arrest, and prosecution of any adult
44 engaging in the cultivation of entheogens for use in religious, spiritual, healing, or
45 personal growth practices be designated as among King County’s lowest criminal
46 enforcement priorities, and further requests that county funds or resources not be used for
47 investigation, prosecution, or arrest of individuals possessing or using entheogenic plants
48 or fungi for religious, spiritual, healing, or personal growth practices.

49 2. The request is only intended to request King County sheriff’s office designate
50 entheogen cultivation for the aforementioned purposes as among the lowest law
51 enforcement priorities in unincorporated areas. The request does not reflect any intent on
52 the part of the council for King County sheriff’s office deputies in the Muckleshoot tribe
53 or contract cities to deviate from the tribe or contract cities’ laws, procedures, or
54 priorities.

55 3. This section B. reflects the intent on the part of the council only to request the
56 King County prosecuting attorney designate cases under its jurisdiction for the
57 aforementioned purposes related to entheogens as among the lowest prosecution
58 priorities. This section B. does not reflect any intent on the part of the council to request
59 the King County prosecuting attorney decline to prosecute cases for this offense which
60 involve other substances or where the conduct has put public safety at risk.

61 C. The council’s passage of this motion does not reflect any intent on the part of
62 the council to support or encourage:

- 63 1. Driving under the influence of entheogenic plants or fungi;
- 64 2. Possession or distribution of entheogens in schools;
- 65 3. Use of entheogenic plants or fungi on any form of public transit;

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- 66 4. Possession, distribution, or sale of entheogenic plants or fungi by or to minor
67 children;
68 5. Commercial manufacturing or sales of entheogenic plants or fungi; or
69 6. Conduct that puts public safety at risk.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None

17 WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration-sanctioned clinical
18 trials show positive results that demonstrate the safety and efficacy of psilocybin assisted
19 therapy, and

20 WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration designated
21 psilocybin-assisted therapy as a breakthrough therapy for treatment-resistant depression
22 in 2018 and major depressive disorder in 2019, and

23 WHEREAS, human cultures around the world recognize entheogens as sacred
24 and have used them as part of their cultural, spiritual, and religious practices for
25 generations, and

26 WHEREAS, a variety of jurisdictions in the United States, including the cities of
27 Olympia, Port Townsend, Seattle, and Tacoma and Jefferson County, have supported
28 decriminalization of entheogens, and Colorado, Oregon, and Washington, D.C., have
29 decriminalized some or all entheogens through successful ballot initiatives, and

30 WHEREAS, decriminalization of entheogens does not undermine the seriousness
31 of the opioid epidemic and impact of harmful substances on the lives of individuals,
32 families, and communities;

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

34 A. The council states its support for continued research for entheogen-related
35 alternative treatment modalities and structured medical models. The council further
36 states its support for the full decriminalization of the limited, personal, noncommercial
37 use and possession of naturally occurring entheogens by persons twenty-one years old or
38 older in nonpublic places at the state and federal level.

39 B.1. The council requests that investigation, arrest, and prosecution of any
40 persons twenty-one years old or older engaging in the limited, noncommercial cultivation
41 and possession of naturally occurring entheogens for religious, spiritual or individual
42 personal use be designated as among King County's lowest criminal enforcement
43 priorities, and further requests that county funds or resources not be used for
44 investigation, prosecution, or arrest of persons twenty-one years old or older possessing
45 or using entheogenic plants or fungi for religious, spiritual, healing, or personal use
46 practices.

47 2. For the purposes of this section B., "personal use" and "cultivation" shall be
48 limited to quantities and methods reasonably consistent with small-scale, individual,
49 noncommercial use and shall not include distribution, remuneration, repeated provision to
50 third parties, or the operation of organized production or supply networks.

51 3. The request is only intended to request King County sheriff's office designate
52 entheogen cultivation for the aforementioned purposes as among the lowest law
53 enforcement priorities in unincorporated areas. The request does not reflect any intent on
54 the part of the council for King County sheriff's office deputies in the Muckleshoot tribe
55 or contract cities to deviate from the tribe or contract cities' laws, procedures, or
56 priorities.

57 4. This section B. reflects the intent on the part of the council only to request the
58 King County prosecuting attorney designate cases under its jurisdiction for the
59 aforementioned purposes related to entheogens as among the lowest prosecution
60 priorities. This section B. does not reflect any intent on the part of the council to request
61 the King County prosecuting attorney decline to prosecute cases for this offense which

62 involve other substances or where the conduct has put public safety at risk. Further, this
63 section B. does not reflect any intent on the part of the council to limit the authority or
64 obligation of King County law enforcement, prosecutors, or emergency responders to act
65 when conduct presents an immediate risk to public health or safety, involving impaired
66 driving, violence, child welfare concerns, medical emergencies, or otherwise constitutes a
67 violation of state or federal law.

68 C. The council's passage of this motion does not reflect any intent on the part of
69 the council to support or encourage:

- 70 1. Driving under the influence of entheogenic plants or fungi;
- 71 2. Possession or distribution of entheogens in schools;
- 72 3. Use of entheogenic plants or fungi on any form of public transit or in public
73 places;
- 74 4. Possession, distribution, or sale of entheogenic plants or fungi by or to
75 persons under twenty-one years old;
- 76 5. Commercial manufacturing or sales of entheogenic plants or fungi; or
- 77 6. Conduct that puts public safety at risk.

78 D. Nothing in this motion shall be interpreted to alter, supersede, or limit the
79 application of state or federal law, or to confer any legal right, defense, or immunity
80 under such law, nor shall it be construed to create any private cause of action."

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82 **EFFECT prepared by Nick Bowman: Makes a series of changes to the underlying**
83 **motion including:**

- 84 • *Changing the definition of "entheogen" to include only naturally occurring*
85 *plant or fungal substances;*
- 86 • *Clarifying the term "personal use" means limited, non-commercial purposes;*
- 87 • *Clarifying the motion does not reflect the intent of the Council to limit law*
88 *enforcement personnel or first responders from acting to address entheogen*
89 *related conduct which is harmful or otherwise illegal;*
- 90 • *Clarifying the Council's support for certain entheogen related uses is limited to*
91 *persons 21 and older and that the Council does not support entheogen use in*
92 *public places; and*
- 93 • *Adding a new section D limiting the legal effect of the proposed motion.*
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Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

March 3, 2026 Meeting

Agenda Item No. 10

Briefing No. 2026-B0030

Update on U.S. Continuum of Care Funding

Materials for this item will be available before the meeting.



King County

**Metropolitan King County Council
Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	11	Name:	Olivia Brey
Proposed No.:	2026-B0031	Date:	March 3, 2026

SUBJECT

A briefing on the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee's 2026 anticipated work plan.

BACKGROUND

Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Jurisdiction. As set forth in the King County Council's December 2025 organizational motion¹, the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee (3HS) considers and makes recommendations on policies relating to 3HS programs, including those related to:

- Health services provided to the community by county agencies and branches;
- Public health programs, including those related to the protection, promotion, and provision functions of the department of public health, including the structure of the public health centers; and
- Human services programs, including review of human services-related levies, and human services programs relating to housing services and programs.

In the areas within the committee's purview, the Council's organizational motion also specifies that the committee tracks state and federal legislative action and develops recommendations on policy direction for the county budget.

King County Health, Housing, and Human Services Agencies.

Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS). King County's DCHS operates services and programs for behavioral health treatment, affordable housing, childcare resources, education and employment for youth and young adults, veterans services, senior supports, and inclusive resources for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. DCHS Divisions include the Adult Services Division,

¹ Motion 16929

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[https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/council/clerk-of-the-council/2025_organizational_compilation_12-09-25_final.pdf?rev=e79fd373d719469c98a6891bdf4b89f3&hash=3458CB28C85A8748A3B5D06F4A06058](https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/council/clerk-of-the-council/2025_organizational_compilation_12-09-25_final.pdf?rev=e79fd373d719469c98a6891bdf4b89f3&hash=3458CB28C85A8748A3B5D06F4A060589)

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Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, Housing and Community Development Division, Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division as well as key initiatives, including Best Starts for Kids, Crisis Care Centers, Health Through Housing, MIDD Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund, and the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy. *(Council Analysts: Sam Porter, Miranda Leskinen, April Sanders, Olivia Brey, Sherrie Hsu)*

Public Health—Seattle & King County (PHSKC). Public Health—Seattle & King County operates services and programs related to health and well-being for people in King County. This includes operating public health clinics across King County that provide sexual health services, pregnancy and infant support services, child-parent health programs, school-based health clinics, dental clinics, and drug-user health clinics. PHSKC divisions include Medic One/Emergency Medical Services, Environmental Health, Jail Health Services, the Medical Examiner’s Office, and Safety and Injury Prevention. *(Council Analysts: Sam Porter, Olivia Brey)*

Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Anticipated Work Items.

2026 Budget Provisos. The Council included in its adopted 2026 – 2027 Biennial Budget² 14 provisos (Attachment 1) on topics that fall within the jurisdiction of the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee due in 2026. Table 1 below summarizes the provisos and identifies the due dates and the Council analyst. Also note that withheld funds for provisos will be released upon transmittal and do not require Council passage of a motion.

Table 1. Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Anticipated Provisos³

	Subject	Type of Transmittal	Funds to be Released by Motion or on Transmittal	Anticipated Council Analyst	Due Date in 2026
1	Report on root causes of evictions in King County	Report and Motion	Release upon transmittal	Brey or Sanders	Dec. 31
2	Report on plan to establish a Harborview long-range planning committee	Plan and Motion	Release upon transmittal	Porter	Jun. 1
3	Report on King County efforts to maintain Medicaid retention rates	Report and Motion	Release upon transmittal	Porter	Apr. 30
4	Plan to address health needs of residents transitioning from prerelease to post-release	Plan and Motion	Release upon transmittal	Porter	May 1
5	Report on behavioral health services in King County included in MIDD Implementation Plan	Report Only	Release upon transmittal	N/A	Midyear
6	Report on effects of HR1 on Medicaid	Report and	Release upon	Porter	Sept. 1

² Ordinance 20023

<https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7680373&GUID=B4E9E09C-A982-4A8C-A0DA-6CC195D69EE0&Options=Advanced&Search=>

³ Executive staff have indicated that the first omnibus may include proposed changes for due dates of provisos. At this time, the proposed changes are unknown.

	funding received by CCC	Motion	transmittal		
7	Assessment Report on BSK	Report and Motion	Release upon transmittal	Leskinen	Aug. 31
8	Report on postsecondary tuition assistance program	Report Only	Release upon transmittal	N/A	Include in BSK Report or Aug. 31
9	Annual reports on PSTAA revenue projections and implementation status of investments	Report Only	Release upon transmittal	N/A	Aug. 31
10	Plan for provision of respite bends with HMC	Plan and Motion	Release upon transmittal	Porter	Aug. 1
11	Financial analysis report on PHSKC	Report and Motion	Release upon transmittal	Porter or Brey	Dec. 31
12	Plan to implement credit enhancement program updates	Plan Only	Release upon transmittal	N/A	Jun. 30
13	Plan to create revolving loan fund for construction of permanently affordable homes	Plan Only	Release upon transmittal	N/A	Dec. 1
14	Plan to create affordable housing for domestic violence survivors, seniors, and individual women	Plan Only	Release upon transmittal	N/A	Dec. 31

Other Anticipated Legislation. Council staff received a list from Executive staff of other planned legislation seen in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Other 3HS Committee Anticipated Legislation Not Yet Transmitted

Subject	Anticipated Council Analyst	Estimated Transmittal Date
Motion to accept a donation from Virginia Mason to Eastgate Clinic	Brey	February 13 (actual transmittal date)
HTH Annual Report and Motion*	Brey	June 15
BSK Annual Report and Motion*	Leskinen	July 15
MIDD Annual Report and Motion*	Porter	August 1
VSHSL Annual Report and Motion*	Leskinen and Hsu	August 1
CCC Annual Report and Motion*	Porter	August 15
SKHHP Budget, Workplan and Motion	Brey	September 1
ARCH Budget, Workplan and Motion	Brey	September 1
Appointments and Reappointments to King County Communities of Opportunity – Best Starts for Kids Levy Advisory Board	Leskinen	TBD

*These annual report motions are dual referrals to RPC. Historically RPC hears the legislation first before being taken up in 3HS.

Briefings. In addition to considering legislation, the committee may wish to plan briefings on various topics related to the committee's jurisdiction.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026 Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Provisos

2026 Budget Provisos
Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

OFFICE OF PERFORMANCE, STRATEGY, AND BUDGET

1. Report and Motion: Report on the Root Causes of Evictions in King County
Due: 12/31/2026

Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a report on root causes of recent evictions throughout King County and a motion that should acknowledge receipt of the report, and a motion acknowledging receipt of the report is passed by the council. The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

The report shall include, but not be limited to:

A. An analysis of the root causes leading to evictions in King County, focusing on 2023 through 2025, if data is available;

B. A trend analysis of the rental market and evictions in King County, indicating if root causes have changed over time or if there are emerging issues; and

C. Recommendations for King County to implement new or expand existing programs to address the factors causing evictions and support successful tenancies.

The report shall be prepared in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, tenant advocates, civil legal aid, housing providers, and landlord groups.

The executive should electronically file the report and a motion required by this proviso by December 31, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

2. Plan and Motion: Plan to Establish a Harborview Medical Center Long-Range Planning Committee
Due: 6/1/2026

Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a plan to establish a Harborview Medical Center long-range planning committee as described at Section 6.2 of the hospital services agreement and a motion that should acknowledge receipt of the plan, and a motion acknowledging receipt of the plan is passed by the council. The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

A. The names of appointed committee members representing the county executive, the county council, the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees and UW Medicine;

B. A description of how the committee will facilitate long-range planning and coordination in pursuit of opportunities to respond to the evolving healthcare industry, improve population health, and have Harborview Medical Center become the provider of choice for county and state residents;

C. A description of shared goals, clear criteria for when the committee has completed its charge, and clear criteria for when a subsequent committee should be constituted, established by the committee;

D. A description of committee processes which will ensure the governance structures, accountabilities, and collective bargaining commitments of each committee member's respective organization will be respected; and

E. The frequency in which the committee shall meet in order to facilitate strong coordination and the identification and monitoring of the goals established among committee members. The committee should recommend the length of time that the committee shall meet.

The executive should electronically file the plan and a motion required by this proviso by June 1, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

3. Report and Motion: Report on King County's Efforts to Maintain Medicaid Retention Rates

Due: 4/30/2026

Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a report on the efforts King County is making to maintain Medicaid retention rates and a motion that acknowledges receipt of the report, and a motion acknowledging receipt of the report is passed by the council. The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

The report should include, but not be limited to:

A. The number of FTEs countywide whose job duties are related to Medicaid enrollment, including staff who work in communications, outreach, or case management;

B. An estimate of the number of people served by the county's current efforts in Medicaid enrollment;

C. An analysis of any potential federal changes to Medicaid eligibility requirements, including how many people could potentially be disenrolled based on those changes; and

D. Any plans the county has to mitigate disenrollment via proactive communication, outreach, or other methods.

The executive should electronically file the plan and a motion required by this proviso by April 30, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain a copy and provide a copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

JAIL HEALTH SERVICES

4. Plan and Motion: Plan to Address Health Needs of Jail Residents Transitioning from Prerelease to Post-release

Due: 5/1/2026

Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a plan to address the health needs of vulnerable jail residents as they transition from

prerelease to post-release services and a motion that should acknowledge receipt of the plan, and a motion acknowledging receipt of the plan is passed by the council. The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

A. Consideration of how transitional and post-release services could be expanded to serve all jail residents who are receiving medication for a substance use disorder, are likely to experience homelessness, have a disability, have a physical or mental illness, have experienced domestic violence, may need violence interruption interventions, or are in other vulnerable populations;

B. Strategies to expand access to behavioral health medications when jail residents are released from King County Correctional Facility, including but not limited to, improving communication about the option of receiving medications at release;

C. A process that allows people who are released after pharmacy or release planning service business hours to obtain a supply of, or a prescription for, behavioral health medication;

D. Evaluation of policy updates regarding behavioral health medications at release to provide a sufficient supply or prescription that takes into account appointment wait times in the community;

E. An outline of a program to pilot contracting with one or more third-party entities for reentry targeted case management to provide a warm handoff and support for continuing substance use disorder treatment after release and discussion of how such a program could support subsections A. through D. of this proviso;

F. Consideration of a partnership with public health - Seattle & King County public health centers in addition to or in place of a third-party contractor to provide medication supply or prescriptions for jail residents at the time of release and to ensure continuity in implementing patient care plans post release; and

G. Discussion of the timeframe and resources needed to implement an expansion of transitional and post-release services that incorporates subsections A. through F. of this proviso.

The executive should electronically file the plan and a motion required by this proviso by May 1, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY DIVISION

5. Report Only: Report on Behavioral Health Services in King County Due: Midyear 2026 with MIDD Implementation Plan

Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a behavioral health services report to council.

The report shall include, but not be limited to:

A. A list of the behavioral health projects, programs, and services that the county provides directly or contracts for, including a description of each project, program, or service, year-to-date and projected biennial costs, and what revenue supports each project, program, or service, including in which appropriation unit the moneys are accounted;

B. A financial plan that provides detailed information on which projects, programs, and services the county provides directly or contracts for that can and cannot be maintained under current outyear budget projections, and any capacity limitations to meet estimated demand, as well as current or anticipated funding shortfalls; and

C. A list of any long-term revenue alternatives for which the county is eligible, including an estimate of total potential revenue for each alternative, that could assist the county in maintaining both the county's own behavioral health services and any projects, programs, or services for which the county contracts.

The executive shall electronically file the report required by this proviso to accompany the transmittal of the mental illness and drug dependency implementation plan expected midyear in 2026 with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

CRISIS CARE CENTERS

6. Report and Motion: Report on Effects of House Resolution 1 on Medicaid Funding Received by Crisis Care Centers Due: 9/1/2026

Of this appropriation, \$500,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a report on the effects of House Resolution 1 of the 119 Congress (2025-2026), on Medicaid funding received by crisis care centers, and a motion that should acknowledge receipt of report, and a motion acknowledging receipt of the report is passed by the council. The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

The report shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Information about Medicaid assumed in the crisis care center implementation plan's financial plan;
- B. Information about actual Medicaid revenue received by crisis care centers to date;
- C. A detailed assessment of anticipated effects of House Resolution 1 of the 119 Congress (2025-2026) on Medicaid crisis care centers are projected to receive in the future; and
- D. Any recommended changes to the Medicaid reserve plan for crisis care centers.

The executive should electronically file the report and a motion required by this proviso by September 1, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

BEST STARTS FOR KIDS

7. Report and Motion: Assessment Report on Best Starts for Kids Due: 8/31/2026

Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a Best Starts for Kids assessment report and a motion that should acknowledge receipt of the report, and a motion acknowledging receipt of the report is passed by the council. The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

The report shall provide an assessment of 2022-2027 Best Starts for Kids levy-funded goals, strategies, and programs. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

A. An assessment of levy strategy and program investments and outcomes, including a summary of investments by geographic area, identification and justification of any unspent or reallocated levy proceeds, and an analysis of levy proceeds used to support technical assistance and capacity building; and

B. Recommendations for a prospective levy renewal proposal to be transmitted to the council that address the following:

1. Whether to maintain or modify existing levy investment allocations;
2. Whether a renewed levy, or an increased or expanded levy, should incorporate:
 - a. Revised or new levy goals or strategies including dedicated new funding to support immigrant and refugee students and dedicated new funding to support homeless youth and families through investments such as shelter and outreach services and McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act trainings;
3. How a renewed levy would align and coordinate with regional initiatives such as: the veterans, seniors, and human services levy; the mental illness and drug dependency fund; the crisis care centers levy; the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account; and other federal, state, and local funding streams and programs to integrate, align, and avoid duplication of efforts;
4. How a renewed levy would benefit the entire region while targeting resources to those most in need; and
5. Whether a renewed levy should modify one or more of the role, the structure, or the representation of the children and youth advisory board.

The executive should electronically file the report and a motion required by this proviso by August 31, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

8. Report Only: Feasibility Report on a King County Postsecondary Tuition Assistance Program

Due: Incorporated in Best Starts for Kids Annual Report or standalone by 8/31/2026

Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a King County postsecondary student tuition assistance program feasibility report collaboratively developed by the department of community and human services and the office of performance, strategy, and budget.

The report shall include analysis on the need, feasibility, and implementation logistics for establishing a King County postsecondary student tuition assistance program. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

A. A needs assessment for a King County postsecondary student tuition assistance program, including a labor needs analysis conducted in consultation with area labor organizations and the county's office of labor relations;

B. An analysis of best practices and lessons learned from similar established programs in other jurisdictions, including best practices utilized to promote equity and social justice as part of program design;

C. An analysis of the one-time and ongoing monetary and staffing resources needed to develop and implement a program that would expand tuition assistance, covering any remaining tuition balance after other eligible public funding, grants, or scholarships have been applied, to graduates of publicly-funded high schools in King County to attend a community college located in King County to pursue a degree, certificate, or apprenticeship program for up to two years or for up to ninety credits of coursework, whichever occurs first;

D. An estimated timeline for developing and implementing the program; and

E. A recommendation regarding options for a dedicated revenue source, including inclusion of a King County postsecondary student tuition assistance program in a Best Starts for Kids levy renewal proposal in 2027;

The executive shall either incorporate the report into an assessment report of the current Best Starts for Kids levy period for transmittal to the council in 2026, or transmit it as a standalone report to the council by August 31, 2026, in the form of an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

PUGET SOUND TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY ACCOUNT (PSTAA)

9. Reports Only: Two Annual Reports on PSTAA Revenue Projections and Implementation Status of Investments

Due: 8/31/2026 and 8/31/2027

Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits two reports describing the current revenue projections and implementation status of investments in King County funded by the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account ("PSTAA"). Moneys shall be unencumbered in \$50,000 increments upon receipt of each report filed by the executive to the clerk of the council.

The reports shall include, but not be limited to, an updated PSTAA fund financial plan, a table identifying current King County PSTAA revenue projections for 2019 through 2036, and an update on implementation status for both ongoing and 2026-2027 planned PSTAA-funded investments for each PSTAA funding category identified in Motion 15492.

The executive should electronically file the first report required by this proviso no later than August 31, 2026, and the second report required by this proviso no later than August 31, 2027, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and to the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

COUNTY HOSPITAL LEVY**10. Plan and Motion: Plan for Provision of Respite Beds with Harborview Medical Center
Due: 8/1/2026**

Of this appropriation, \$500,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a plan for the provision of respite beds as envisioned in the Harborview bond program ordinance work group report, and a motion that should approve the plan, and a motion approving the plan is passed by the council. The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A. A proposal regarding the feasibility and utility of expediting the expansion of respite bed capacity in connection with Harborview Medical Center;

B. A cost estimate for various development scenarios to increase respite bed capacity including the renovation or adaptive reuse of Harborview Hall, construction or renovation of other space on the Harborview Medical Center campus for use as a respite facility, or a proposal for leasing, acquiring, or constructing a respite facility in the neighborhood of Harborview Medical Center within a one mile radius; and

C. A financial proposal for the scenarios identified in subsection B. of this proviso using any combination of federal, state, local, or philanthropic dollars to increase respite bed capacity for Harborview Medical Center.

The executive should electronically file the plan and a motion required by this proviso by August 1, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

PUBLIC HEALTH**11. Report and Motion: Financial Analysis Report on Public Health – Seattle & King County
Due: 12/31/2026**

Of this appropriation, \$200,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a financial analysis report on public health - Seattle & King County and a motion that acknowledges receipt of the report, and a motion acknowledging receipt of the report is passed by the council. The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

The report shall include, but not be limited to:

A. A list of the public health projects, programs, and services in which labor costs most significantly outpace revenues in clinics, prevention, and health sciences;

B. A financial plan that provides an expenditure and revenue forecast for the 2028-2029, 2030-2031, and 2032-2033 biennia. The financial plan should include detailed information on what projects, programs, and services can and cannot be maintained under projections contained in the financial plan; and

C. A list of any long term revenue alternatives for which the county is eligible, including an estimate of total potential revenue for each alternative.

The executive should electronically file the report and motion required by this proviso by December 31, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12. Plan Only: Plan to Implement Credit Enhancement Program Updates

Due: 6/30/2026

Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a plan to implement the credit enhancement program updates recommended in the regional workforce housing initiative implementation plan, dated June 2025, through a pilot project utilizing credit enhancement for the construction of workforce housing in collaboration with community-based nonprofit organizations that develop workforce housing, including, but not limited to, Watershed Community Development.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

A. An analysis of minimum standards for developers and projects used by national housing finance agencies and state credit enhancement programs across the country;

B. Recommendations for minimum standards to implement a pilot under King County's existing authority;

C. A plan to facilitate a credit enhancement pilot project, in consultation with Watershed Community Development;

D. A plan for the appropriate staff within executive departments to expedite compliance review as authorized by the legislation; and

E. An analysis of the potential to leverage revenues from the program's authorized application and monitoring fees from this project to support development of permanent standards and administration for future projects.

The executive should electronically file the plan required by this proviso by June 30, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

13. Plan Only: Plan to Create Revolving Loan Fund for Construction of Permanently Affordable Homes

Due: 12/1/2026

Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a plan to create a revolving loan fund for the construction of permanently affordable homeownership, following recommendations from the regional workforce housing initiative implementation plan, dated June 2025.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

A. An analysis of financing options that utilize the issuance of excess debt capacity to develop a revolving loan fund for the development of permanently affordable homeownership

opportunities, building on the analysis that was completed in the regional workforce housing initiative implementation plan and consider bonding scenarios at \$20 million, \$50 million, \$100 million, and \$125 million;

B. Program guidelines and assumptions;

C. Recommendations on which income levels an individual or household would need to be qualified to purchase such units, with a preference for serving individuals and households with the lowest possible income levels that are financially feasible;

D. A risk assessment analyzing the level of risk this model could present to the county;

E. A timeline for implementation; and

F. A proposed budget for program operations.

The executive should electronically file the plan required by this proviso by December 1, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services committee or its successor.

14. Plan Only: Plan to Create Affordable Housing for Domestic Violence Survivors, Seniors, and Individual Women

Due: 9/31/2026

Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a plan to create affordable housing for domestic violence survivors, seniors, and individual women, in collaboration with Urban Black.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

A. An analysis of capital investments available to create affordable housing for domestic violence survivors, seniors, and individual women; and

B. A plan to facilitate acquisition of property or capital investments for affordable housing.

The executive should electronically file the plan by December 31, 2026, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and human services or its successor.