



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Resolution 26-03**

**Proposed No. 26-03.1**

**Sponsors**

1                   A RESOLUTION in support of Foundational Public Health  
2                   Services funding.

3                   WHEREAS, a responsive and viable governmental public health system is  
4 essential for healthy and economically vital communities across Washington, and

5                   WHEREAS, funding core public health services is a fundamental responsibility of  
6 the state and is to be implemented through local health jurisdictions, the state Department  
7 of Health, the state Board of health, and sovereign tribal nations and Indian health  
8 programs, and

9                   WHEREAS, like public safety, public utilities, and other public infrastructure,  
10 Foundational Public Health Services (“FPHS”) are core services that must be provided  
11 consistently and uniformly in all Washington communities, and

12                   WHEREAS, the governmental public health system in Washington prevents  
13 illness and disease by tracking and stopping communicable disease and food and water  
14 contamination, prepares and supports recovery from emergencies and disasters, supports  
15 maternal child health, access to care, protection from threats including overdose, provides  
16 critical health information to all residents, and is essential to protecting the public's  
17 health, and

18                   WHEREAS, in 2019, the state Legislature passed and the Governor signed  
19 Chapter 14, Laws of Washington 2019, which codified the governmental public health

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20 system and the FPHS framework, and support to rebuild and transform public health in  
21 Washington State, and

22 WHEREAS, through the establishment of the FPHS Account, the state invested  
23 \$300 million in the 2026-2027 biennium to the governmental public health system to  
24 partially implement FPHS, and

25 WHEREAS, Public Health – Seattle & King County ("PHSKC") receives \$18.6  
26 million in FPHS funding annually, and

27 WHEREAS the Governor has proposed a reduction of \$29 million in the 2026  
28 supplemental budget, and \$20 million in the Vapor Products Tax Account that also funds  
29 FPHS has been repurposed, creating a potential 38 percent cut to FPHS statewide; and

30 WHEREAS a nearly-40-percent cut in FPHS funding as is now proposed in the  
31 state legislature will severely curtail PHSKC's ability to respond to outbreaks such as  
32 measles and MPOX and tuberculosis cases, provide vital information to healthcare  
33 organizations, combat healthcare acquired infections, enroll people in cancer preventing  
34 services, prepare for and respond to emergencies such as smoke, wildfires, and floods,  
35 develop culturally relevant lifesaving health information in multiple languages, and much  
36 more, and

37 WHEREAS, supporting core public health services today is critical to keeping  
38 communities healthy, strong, and resilient for our residents today and future generations;

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King  
40 County:

41 The King County Board of Health encourages the Washington state legislature to  
42 address Vapor Products Tax account imbalances and maintain Foundational Public

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- 43 Health Service funding that supports the Foundational Public Health Services Account, to  
44 promote core public health services in all communities statewide.

Resolution 26-03 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 2/19/2026, by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Archiopoli, Daniels, de Castro, Falcone, Foster, Gudgel, Juarez, Lewis, Loo, Lucero, Rinck, Mohammed, Mosqueda, Schroff, Williams, Garcia, Hartfield and Thomas  
Excused: 5 - Chew, de Michele, Dunn, Elkins and von Reichbauer


KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Teresa Mosqueda, Chair

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Board

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