



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Motion 16954**

**Proposed No.** 2026-0049.1

**Sponsors** Perry

1           A MOTION authorizing the chair of the King County  
2           council to sign letters to the chairs and vice chairs of the  
3           Washington state Senate and House of Representatives  
4           Transportation Committees, the Senate Ways and Means  
5           committee, and the House of Representatives  
6           Appropriations Committee related to the county's priorities  
7           in the state budget.

8           WHEREAS, counties have been recognized by the state Legislature as partners  
9           with the state in the delivery of such critical services as public health, transportation,  
10          public safety, behavioral health, affordable housing, and water quality, and

11          WHEREAS, King County's ability to deliver critical services is directly impacted  
12          by budget and policy decisions made by the Legislature, and

13          WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive identified  
14          priority issues that will help the county provide essential services and sought to bring  
15          these issues to the attention of the 2026 Washington state Legislature through passage of  
16          Motion 16906, which established King County's 2026 state legislative priorities, and

17          WHEREAS, the state Legislature is currently negotiating supplemental  
18          transportation and operating budgets that will impact programs county residents rely  
19          upon;

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

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21           The chair of the King County council is authorized to sign the joint letters with  
22 the executive to state legislative leaders outlining the county's priorities in the state  
23 budget attached as Attachment A and Attachment B to this motion.

Motion 16954 was introduced on 3/3/2026 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/3/2026, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis,  
Mosqueda and Perry  
Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Signed by:  
  
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Sarah Perry, Chair

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Letter to Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees, B. Letter to Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Transportation Committees

**ATTACHMENT A - Letter to Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Ways and Means and  
Appropriations Committee**

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**King County**

March 2, 2026

The Honorable June Robinson  
303 John A. Cherberg Building  
PO Box 40438  
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Timm Ormsby  
315 John L. O'Brien Building  
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The Honorable Derek Stanford  
237 John A. Cherberg Building  
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321 John L. O'Brien Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Nicole Macri  
336 John L. O'Brien Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees:

As you know, like many local jurisdictions, King County is facing significant funding challenges while demand for services remains steady or is increasing. Over the next five years, some of the largest County funds are projected to have shortfalls and will require difficult decisions to maintain financial sustainability. Steps to tighten financial management are already underway, and program reductions are likely. We are wrestling with the ongoing cost of public defense and lack of funding to meet the Washington State Supreme Court caseload standards. Clinical and public health services are at risk due to lack of funding. Shelters lack sustainable funding and are at risk for closure beginning in 2027 as one-time money expires. Looming reductions in Medicaid reimbursement will impact behavioral and physical health services. We have deferred major maintenance on County buildings for more than 20 years to preserve critical services.

For all these reasons, partnership with the state is more critical than ever. The State of Washington and King County share many priorities and have developed effective partnerships to deliver services to our shared constituents. We respect the challenge of balancing competing needs when developing the budget each year. With budget negotiations still in progress, we want to take this opportunity to express our thanks for your hard work and leadership – and highlight key priorities we are hoping to see in final budgets.

**ATTACHMENT A - Letter to Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committee**

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**Foundational Public Health Services:** King County appreciates both budgets' sustained Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) funding levels.

**Housing and Homelessness Services:** Thank you for both budgets' inclusion of \$15 million in Continuum of Care (CoC) contingency funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) operations.

**Behavioral Health:** We appreciate both chambers' efforts in this budget to maintain Medicaid rates and flexible crisis system funding for regional Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations (BHASOs) that together form the foundation of community behavioral health care in our state.

**Developmental Disabilities:** We ask both chambers to prioritize Developmental Disabilities Community Services (DDCS) funding to maintain employment and day programs rather than assuming savings. The identified "underspend" does not reflect reduced need. Instead, it reflects current rate limits that prevent the full use of allocated funds and affect provider capacity to deliver these essential services.

**Child Care:** We appreciate that both budgets rejected the proposed cap to Working Connections Child Care, protecting thousands of families' ability to stay employed and access care. At the same time, we remain concerned about cuts to provider reimbursement rates in both budgets, but prefer the House approach to enrollment and attendance calculations,

**Immigrant and Refugee Communities:** King County is grateful for both budget's continuation of \$25 million in much-needed funding for newly arriving immigrants and refugees.

**Crime Victims:** King County also appreciates the continuation of funding in both budgets for services for victims of crime.

Sincerely,

Girmay Zahilay  
King County Executive

Sarah Perry  
Chair, King County Council

**ATTACHMENT B – Letter to Chair and Vice Chairs of the Transportation Committees  
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**King County**

March 3, 2026

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The Honorable Jake Fey  
415 John L. O'Brien Building  
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The Honorable Deborah Krishnadasan  
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The Honorable Adam Bernbaum  
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Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chairs & Vice Chairs of the Senate and House Transportation Committees:

The State of Washington and King County share many priorities and have developed effective partnerships to deliver services to our shared constituents. We respect the challenge of balancing competing needs when developing the budget each year. With budget negotiations still in progress, we want to take this opportunity to express our thanks for your hard work and leadership – and highlight key priorities we are hoping to see in final budgets.

**Revive I-5**

The work being done to maintain and preserve I-5 is critical to King County and the State. Thank you for providing resources to help our region during the construction period when roadway lanes are reduced to accommodate this vital work. King County prefers the House budget's allocation of \$12 million to King County Metro Transit to support the efforts by Metro and City of Seattle during the construction period.

**Grant Program Funding**

King County supports the Senate budget's legislative intent to fund the following programs to 2025-27 appropriation levels in 2027-2029 and future biennia:

- Transportation Demand Management
- Transit Coordination Grant Program
- Regional Mobility Grant Program
- Rideshare Grant Program

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**Education Transit Access**

Affordable access to education is critical. King County supports the House budget's funding of \$3.1 million for King County Metro Transit to conduct a pilot project to provide free or reduced fares for specific students attending Community and Technical Colleges.

**Active Transportation Plan**

The Senate budget provides \$300,000 to develop a statewide regional connections action plan for the development of active transportation infrastructure that connects population centers, supports mode shift, and improves safety performance. Thank you for this investment and please preserve it in the final budget.

**SR 203/Tolt Hill Road Roundabout**

We appreciate both budgets for providing funding to construct a roundabout at SR 203 and Tolt Hill Road just outside of Carnation. Construction of the roundabout will improve safety at this high incident intersection, enhance traffic flow, and reduce congestion at a critical junction. We would prefer to see the final budget include the Senate budget's funding level of \$3M.

**Truck Parking**

Truck parking is an important issue for King County communities and the state's economy, especially around Interstate 90 near North Bend, a key location in getting goods over the pass and out to ports. We appreciate efforts to address the issue in both budgets. The Senate budget creates a statewide truck parking coordinator position to work with local jurisdictions on truck parking issues, while the House budget provides \$200K for a feasibility study at exit 34 off I-90 for a facility that includes truck parking, a regional WSP office and weigh station, and the King County Readiness Center. We see value in both approaches but believe the House's approach to pursue a focused feasibility study will be more impactful in driving a solution forward.

**Tolling Transit on State Tolled Bridges**

We strongly support the House budget's repeal of provisions that prohibit the Transportation Commission from exempting transit buses from tolls on tolled bridges. King County Metro Transit is focused on investing in mobility where needs are greatest with a focus on equity and access. Exempting transit buses from tolls on tolled bridges will allow us to focus the resources we are trusted with on these important goals.

We appreciate the partnership between the Legislature and King County to pursue our shared goals and ensure King County and Washington State are places where every person can thrive.

Sincerely,

**ATTACHMENT B – Letter to Chair and Vice Chairs of the Transportation Committees  
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Girmay Zahilay  
King County Executive

Sarah Perry  
Chair, King County Council

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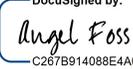
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