



Legislation Text

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A MOTION in response to a proposed agreement to occupy space for the Harborview Medical Center Long-Term Care Pharmacy Operated by Kelley-Ross Pharmacy Group.

WHEREAS, Harborview Medical Center is a comprehensive regional health care facility owned by King County and, pursuant to a services agreement with the University of Washington, is operated by UW Medicine. Harborview Medical Center provides specialized care for a broad spectrum of patients. Harborview Medical Center is one of the nation's leading academic medical centers and is the only Level 1 Trauma Center for adults and children serving a four-state region that includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana and Washington, and

WHEREAS, the mission population for Harborview Medical Center, as defined in Ordinance 18232, includes: the non-English speaking poor; the uninsured or underinsured, victims of domestic violence or sexual assault; people incarcerated in King County's jails; people with mental illness or substance abuse problems, particularly those treated involuntarily; people with sexually transmitted diseases; and those who require specialized emergency, trauma or burn care, and

WHEREAS, Kelley-Ross Pharmacy Group, owned and operated by four graduates of the University of Washington School of Pharmacy, has been a resource in King County for pharmacy services since 1925, and has provided accredited specialty long-term care pharmacy services for more than twenty years, and

WHEREAS, since 2018, Kelley-Ross has served as one of Harborview Medical Center's contract pharmacies dispensing long-term care medications to the Harborview Medical Center's Madison Clinic HIV patients, who receive their medications at Bailey-Boushay House, and Harborview Medical Center patients in

supportive housing that require medication management, and

WHEREAS, changes in Medicaid program regulations on drug reimbursement have resulted in contract pharmacies being disqualified from receiving discount pricing. As a result, Kelley-Ross and Harborview Medical Center are proposing for Harborview Medical Center to sublease two Kelley-Ross pharmacy locations and enter into an operations agreement for Kelley-Ross to continue operate those facilities with Kelley-Ross employees, and

WHEREAS, the proposal also contemplates that those two pharmacies will become Harborview Medical Center licensed pharmacies, and

WHEREAS, entering into these subleasing agreements with Kelley-Ross Pharmacy Group and Harborview Medical Center fulfills the mission of Harborview Medical Center, and

WHEREAS, representatives for Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington, UW Medicine and King County are working to formalize the county's involvement in these types of agreements to occupy space financed by Harborview Medical Center;

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

A. The King County council recognizes the benefits of the proposal for Harborview Medical Center to enter into subleases for two Kelley-Ross Pharmacy Group locations. Such a proposal will further the mission of Harborview Medical Center.

B. The council requests that the chief executive officer of Harborview collaborate with the King County councilmember for the district in which the Harborview Medical Center campus is located and the King County executive to establish a workgroup to include representatives from Harborview Medical Center, the University of Washington through UW Medicine and King County, to formalize the process through which future agreements to occupy space funded by Harborview Medical Center will be processed.

C. The workgroup described in section B of this motion is requested to provide a final proposal to the committee of the whole on the procedures by which future agreements to occupy space funded by Harborview

Medical Center will be processed, including any proposed changes to K.C.C. chapter 2.42 and Exhibit 1 to the hospital services agreement between King County and the University of Washington. The workgroup should electronically file the final proposal by April 30, 2023, with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the chief of staff, the director of municipal relations and the lead staff to the committee of the whole.