



Legislation Text

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A MOTION approving a workgroup-recommended program plan for those health and safety improvements at the Harborview Medical Center that can be built within the amount of the bond revenues estimated to be available and as authorized by Ordinance 19117, as required by Ordinance 19583.

WHEREAS, in November 2020, King County voters authorized \$1.74 billion in capital bonds to fund facility infrastructure and health and safety improvements at Harborview Medical Center, and

WHEREAS, a March 7, 2023, Harborview master plan cost study report, produced by the consultants Vanir and Cumming, provided updated estimates showing that costs to make those facility infrastructure and health and safety improvements are projected to exceed forecasted bond revenues by approximately \$889 million, and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2023, the King County council passed Ordinance 19583, calling for workgroup comprised of representatives from the Harborview Board of Trustees, UW Medicine, the King County council, and the King County executive to provide an updated program plan recommending those health and safety improvements at the Harborview Medical Center that can be built within the amount of the bond revenues estimated to be available and as authorized by Ordinance 19117, and

WHEREAS, the workgroup, supported by a neutral facilitator and more than two dozen staff from UW Medicine, and King County, worked collaboratively for over twelve weeks to develop the recommended program plan, and

WHEREAS, the workgroup was guided in its analysis by analytical criteria used by the Harborview

Leadership group, updated for the current environment, and

WHEREAS the workgroup utilized data and information provided to it by UW Medicine, and King County to inform its decision making, and

WHEREAS, eight virtual and in-person engagement sessions were held to gather input from labor organizations that represent Harborview employees, residents of the First Hill neighborhood, and members of the Harborview mission population to help inform a Harborview bond plan that best serves the public interest, and

WHEREAS, each requirement of Ordinance 19583 is addressed in the attached report, including: overall square footage; the planned purpose of, or service to be provided in, the component capital improvement project; the estimated cost of the component capital improvement project; and estimated timeline of the start and end of construction of the component capital improvement. In completing its analysis, the workgroup recognized that those estimates are conceptual and high-level and are subject to change as financial, regulatory, or other conditions related to the project may evolve;

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

The report, Recommended Program Plan for Harborview Medical Center Health and Safety Improvements, which is Attachment A to this motion and is as required by Ordinance 19583, is hereby approved.