



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6858
March 3, 2026
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6858: Second Modification to the Interlocal Agreement for the Independent Force Investigation Team of King County (IFIT-KC).	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Authorize the City Manager to sign the Second Modification to the interlocal agreement between regional law enforcement agencies for the Independent Force Investigation Team of King County (IFIT-KC).	

DEPARTMENT:	Police
STAFF:	Michelle Bennett, Chief of Police Jeff Magnan, Police Commander
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Second Modification to IFIT-KC Interlocal Agreement
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ N/A
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ N/A
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize the City Manager to sign the Second Modification to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between regional law enforcement agencies for the Independent Force Investigation Team of King County (IFIT-KC). This modification adds the City of Seattle as a member agency of the ILA and updates the language to align with changes to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

BACKGROUND

IFIT-KC investigates use of deadly force by a peace officer that results in death, or great bodily harm as defined under RCW 9A.16.010 and RCW 9A.04.110. IFIT-KC is authorized to investigate these events occurring within the boundaries of the member law enforcement agencies of this agreement.

On March 2, 2021, the Council authorized the City Manager to sign the ILA for the IFIT-KC ([AB 5820](#)). On July 21, 2021 the First Modification to the ILA ([AB 5911](#)) was approved by the Council which addressed a

requirement from the Governor office that all state cabinet agencies include language in their agreements that supports the Governor’s [Executive Order 17-01](#). This Order prohibits other police agencies from using information obtained from the Washington State Patrol to support or engage in civil immigration enforcement activities. The Order was consistent with [RCW 10.93.160](#) and the Mercer Island Police Department’s policy on immigration.

In December of 2025, the Governing Board of IFIT-KC requested agencies approve the Second Modification to the ILA (Exhibit 1), which included the request for the City of Seattle to join IFIT-KC as a member agency. The modification also provided clarity to updates in the RCW and WAC that govern Independent Force Investigation Teams in the State of Washington. These modifications are as follows:

- New subsection clarifying adherence as described in RCW 43.102.010 and RCW 70.48.510 defining when IFIT-KC will be investigating incidents involving the use of deadly force by a member agency.
- Modification Section II paragraph 4 (b) where IFIT-KC will only provide investigative services to member agencies as guided by RCW 10.114.011 and WAC 139-12, incidents involving commissioned officers and required incidents at jail facilities.
- Modification to Section II paragraph 4 (d) providing member agencies with notice on limiting access to involved scenes prior to IFIT-KC’s investigative teams arrival.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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