



# BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6225  
February 7, 2023  
Special Business

## AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

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| <b>TITLE:</b>              | AB 6225: King County Crisis Care Centers Levy Presentation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only<br><input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Motion<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance<br><input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |
| <b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b> | Receive presentation. No action necessary.                 |  |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b>            | Youth and Family Services  |
| <b>STAFF:</b>                 | Ali Spietz, Chief of Administration<br>Tambi Cork, Youth & Family Services Administrator |
| <b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>       | n/a  |
| <b>EXHIBITS:</b>              | 1. King County Crisis Care Centers Fact Sheet  |
| <b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b> | n/a  |

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| <b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>  | \$ n/a |
| <b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>        | \$ n/a |
| <b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b> | \$ n/a |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Tuesday, King County staff will present information to the Mercer Island City Council and community on the Crisis Care Centers Levy.

- The King County Council voted to send a nine year, \$1.25 billion behavioral health levy to voters for consideration on the April special election ballot.
- The proposal, which would raise the funds through a property tax levy spread over nine years, would fund creation of five regional crisis care centers, the preservation and restoration of residential treatment beds, growth of the behavioral health workforce pipeline, and provide immediate services while centers are being constructed.
- The proposal will appear on the April 25 special election ballot.
- The King County Crisis Care Center Levy Fact Sheet is attached as Exhibit 1.

## BACKGROUND

On January 31, 2022, the King County Council voted to send a property tax levy to voters for consideration on the April 25, 2023 special election ballot. The Crisis Care Centers levy will raise \$1.25 billion over nine years and proposes to invest in urgent care mental health needs to transform an aging system and restore a path to recovery. The levy is for regional behavioral health services and capital facilities and would:

- Establish and operate a regional network of behavioral health crisis care centers.

- Preserve, expand, and maintain residential treatment facilities.
- Provide behavioral health workforce supports.
- Provide mobile crisis care and post-discharge stabilization.
- Pay, finance or refinance costs of those projects.
- Administer, coordinate, implement, and evaluate levy activities.

The King County Crisis Care Center Levy is attached as Exhibit 1. Additional information on the levy may be found on the King County website at the following link:

<https://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/initiatives/crisis-care-centers.aspx>

### **Levy Costs**

The levy will be assessed at 14.5 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value, estimated to cost approximately \$121 per year in 2024 for a King County median-priced home of \$694,000 and approximately \$275 per year in 2024 for a median-priced home of \$1.8 million in Mercer Island. The total revenue of the levy is estimated at \$1.25 billion over nine years (2024-32) with 1 percent allowable growth.

King County Department of Community & Human Services staff will provide an overview of the levy to the City Council at the meeting on Tuesday night.

## **NEXT STEPS**

This presentation is provided for informational purposes only.

[RCW 42.17A.555](#) allows a legislative body to express support or opposition of a ballot proposition if its meeting notice includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and if those who have an opposing view are afforded an approximately equal opportunity to express their opinions.

If the City Council would like to adopt a resolution supporting or opposing this levy, staff can schedule the item for a future Council meeting, notice the meeting including the title and number of the levy proposition, prepare the resolution, and invite those having an opposing view to present to the Council.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive report. No action necessary.