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Members of the Committee of the Whole,

Thank you for including a provision in the proposed Best Starts for Kids levy renewal ordinance adding public hospital districts in the list of junior taxing districts potentially eligible for reimbursement in the event the levy triggers prorationing.

The \$5.90 aggregate limit was exceeded in all levy codes on Vashon Island in 2021, resulting in levy suppression. While the improved assessed values in the March 2021 OEFA revenue forecast indicate prorationing on Vashon is unlikely in 2022, the language in the proposed renewal ordinance authorizing reimbursement remains an important safeguard.

The Vashon Health Care District (King County Public Hospital District #5) provides financial support for primary health care on the island for many members of the community, including children. Any reduction in that funding as a result of prorationing would have unfortunate consequences. The proposed BSK renewal ordinance addresses our concerns, and for that the district is grateful.

Thank you.

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