



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to execute an interlocal agreement for the establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, a joint or cooperative undertaking with the city of Seattle and with such public agencies as are eligible under the terms of the interlocal agreement and applicable law.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The federal and state government, King County and jurisdictions across the county, including the city of Seattle, currently fund programs to provide services to homeless individuals and families, but homelessness and housing insecurity remain a chronic and serious problem.
2. King County and the city of Seattle signed a memorandum of understanding on May 3, 2018, proposing a partnership to more effectively and consistently coordinate their provision of those services, and have received a consultant's report providing guidance on how such a joint effort could be structured.
3. King County and the city of Seattle have determined that a joint undertaking to coordinate services within an equitable operational framework centering on people with lived experience will enable and facilitate joint planning, program funding and the establishment of standards for and accountability of programs thereby improving the delivery of services and enhancing outcomes for those receiving such services.
5. Under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, chapter 39.34 RCW, the county and other political

subdivisions of the state of Washington are empowered to execute jointly any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercising to the extent that laws of the state or the United States permit the joint exercise or enjoyment.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The executive is authorized to execute an interlocal agreement, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, for the establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, a joint or cooperative undertaking with the city of Seattle and with other such public agencies that are eligible under the terms of the interlocal agreement and applicable law.

SECTION 2. All county officials, and their agents and representatives, are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all action necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of, and complete the transactions contemplated by, this ordinance. All acts taken under the authority of this ordinance but before its effective date are hereby ratified.