



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Harborview Medical Center administrator to issue warrants; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.42.

PREAMBLE:

Ordinance 18233, adopted in February 2016, authorizes King County, by and through its executive and its board of trustees for Harborview Medical Center, to execute a Hospital Services Agreement with the Regents of the University of Washington.

Included in the Hospital Services Agreement is the Parties Agreement to achieve financial system efficiencies to reduce expenses, including allowing the Medical Center to issue its own warrants to the extent allowed by state law.

RCW 36.62.252 allows a county hospital administrator to issue warrants, if authorized by the county legislative authority and the county treasurer.

The duties of the county treasurer have been delegated to the finance and business operations division.

Paul Hayes, the Harborview Medical Center Executive Director, has requested that the county authorize its hospital administrator be allowed to issue warrants for the Harborview Medical Center operations and for capital projects administered and managed by the University of Washington under the terms of the Hospital Services Agreement.

The director of the finance and business operations division has reviewed Harborview's request and the director, acting in the director's capacity as county treasurer, has executed a letter authorizing the Harborview Medical Center administrator to issue warrants, subject to certain

conditions.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2.42 a new section to read as follows:

A. The administrator is authorized to issue warrants for the medical center, subject to the requirements and limitations in RCW 36.62.252 and in subsection B. of this section.

B. All warrants issued by the administrator shall comply with the following:

1. The warrants shall be issued from the county hospital fund and drawn on an account maintained with the financial institution with which the county has its banking services agreement;
2. The warrants shall be issued in a manner consistent with any written procedures established by either the finance and business operations division or the office of performance, strategy and budget, or both;
3. The medical center shall coordinate with the finance and business operations division to ensure fiscal responsibility, accountability and auditing as needed;
4. The administrator may not issue warrants for medical center capital projects administered and managed by King County, except that warrants for medical center capital projects managed and administered by the University of Washington under the terms of the Hospital Services Agreement dated February 25, 2016, may be issued by the administrator; and
5. The administrator must be the signatory on the warrants.