



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** May 26, 2015  
**TO:** Mayor Balducci and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations  
**RE:** Regional Issues Committee Items May 26, 2015

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Briefing on the Proposed Levy—“Best Starts for Kids”:** Staff from King County and Bellevue will provide an overview of the Best Starts for Kids levy proposed in late April by King County Executive Dow Constantine. In his April 29 transmittal ordinance, the Executive requested that the County Council place the measure on the November 2015 countywide ballot. Strategies proposed by the Executive are aimed at helping every child in King County get off to a strong start in life and reach adulthood healthy and able to reach his or her full potential. As proposed by the Executive, the measure would be a six-year property tax levy lid-lift at a rate of 14-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The levy would raise an estimated \$392 million countywide over its life. The impact to the owner of a house in Bellevue with an assessed value of \$600,000 would be approximately \$84 per year. Tonight’s briefing is an opportunity for Council to receive information, ask questions and provide feedback.

**Briefing on Proposed Facility Use Agreement with King County for District Court Services:**

As you know, the District Court is moving from the Surrey Downs site to new offices in the Bellefield Office Park in June. Staff will review the draft Use Agreement that allows the County to operate from the new location and addresses the responsibilities of the City and the County with respect to use of the building (e.g., maintenance, custodial, security, parking and control of the premises). District Court Presiding Judge Donna Tucker will be present at the briefing to respond to questions. No action is required by Council tonight. This is an opportunity to review the draft agreement, ask questions and provide feedback and direction to staff. Based on Council feedback, staff will bring the draft agreement forward at a future meeting for Council consideration.

**Review WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):**

As follow up to a previous presentation, staff is providing an update on the WRIA 8 ILA and MOU. Staff is seeking feedback on the items prior to action by the Salmon Recovery Council in July. Final action on the agreements will be requested by Council before the end of 2015.

### **LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS**

**State Legislative Session Update:** Staff is providing a written summary of activity in the state legislature’s special session.

**Federal Legislative Update:** Staff is providing a written update on recent Congressional

activities.

**STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings:** Included are updated Council summary background briefings on the King County Regional Committees (RTC and RWQC) King County Flood Control District, Growth Management Planning Council and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).