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Per conversation today-
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Hi Deanna!

See below for a guide to HB1590:

[HB 1590](#) was approved by the Washington State Legislature in 2020 and councilmanic authority to implement a sales tax-based affordable housing levy. The legislation provides that King County may councilmanically impose a sales tax of up to one-tenth of one percent countywide, with the authority to implement the tax extended to cities if the county does not take action by September 30, 2020.

Relationship to cities:

1. King County can only impose this tax if the county plans to spend at least 30% of the dollars collected through this within any city with a population greater than 60,000 located in King County within that city's boundaries.
 1. Includes Bellevue, Kent, Renton, Federal Way, Kirkland, Auburn, Redmond, Sammamish (population size based on 2020 census projections)
1. A county that imposes the tax must consult with a city before the county may construct any of the facilities listed below within the city limits.
2. If the county imposes the tax after a city does, the county must credit the city as well as enter into an interlocal agreement with that city to determine how the services and provisions described below will be allocated and funded in the city.

Bonding:

1. The county or city imposing the tax has the authority to issue general obligation or revenue bonds. They may use or pledge, up to 50% of the dollars collected for repayment of such bonds, in order to finance the provision or construction of affordable housing, facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or evaluation and treatment centers.
2. Dollars collected under this may be used to offset reductions in state or federal funds for the purposes described in the outlined section below.
3. No more than ten percent of the moneys collected under this section may be used to supplant existing local funds.

A minimum of 60% of the money collected from the tax must be used for the following:

1. Construction of affordable housing (which may include new units of affordable housing within an existing structure), and facilities providing housing-related services.
2. Construction of mental and behavioral health facilities.
3. Funding the operations and maintenance costs of new units of affordable housing and facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or newly constructed evaluation and treatment centers.

The affordable facilities and programs funded through the levy must serve individuals whose income is below 60% AMI of the county imposing the tax, and are within the following population groups:

1. Persons with behavioral health disabilities
2. Veterans
3. Senior citizens
4. Homeless, or at-risk of being homeless, families with children
5. Unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults
6. Persons with disabilities

7. Domestic violence survivors

The remainder of the funds collected must be used for the operation, delivery or evaluation of mental and behavioral health treatment programs and services or housing-related services.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this!

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