

The City of Seattle

Ordinance _____

Council Bill _____

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An ordinance relating to the 2025 Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy; approving an implementation and evaluation plan as required by Ordinance 127238; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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Recitals:

By Ordinance 127238, The City of Seattle (City) placed before voters "a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under chapter 84.55 RCW and to authorize the City to levy additional taxes for up to six years for the purpose of providing education support services designed to improve access to early learning, including childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; and college and career pathways for Seattle students; applying the exemption for low income seniors, disabled veterans, and others authorized by RCW 84.36.381; authorizing a creation of a designated fund; directing the application of levy proceeds; establishing eligibility requirements for partners; establishing accountability and reporting structures; requiring a forthcoming Implementation and Evaluation Plan; proposing a ballot title; authorizing the implementation of agreements for this levy lid lift which will be commonly known

as the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts."

On November 4, 2025, 79.97 percent of the City's voters approved the proposition.

Section 7 of Ordinance 127238 states that proceeds from the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy (FEPP Levy) shall be spent in accordance with the terms of Implementation and Evaluation Plan (Plan) approved by ordinance.

Section 7 of Ordinance 127238 also states that the Plan will set forth the criteria, measurable outcomes, and methodology by which programs funded by FEPP Levy proceeds will be selected and evaluated.

The Department of Education and Early Learning has developed plans for investments of FEPP Levy proceeds that achieve specific, measurable outcomes for access to and utilization of services across a continuum; providing families, children, and youth access to affordable childcare and preschool services that prepare children for success in kindergarten; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students that support learning and well-being; and college and career supports that promote high school graduation, and post-secondary opportunities that promote attainment of a certificate, credential, or degree. Therefore,

Be it ordained by The City of Seattle as follows:

Section 1. The Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Implementation and Evaluation Plan, included as Attachment 1 to this ordinance, is approved as required by Section 7 of Ordinance 127238.

Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – FEPP Implementation and Evaluation Plan

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council and signed in open session in authentication of its passage on _____.

President _____ of the City Council

_____ on _____.

Katie B. Wilson, Mayor

Attested on _____.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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