

## HB 2401 Boys and Men Commission (January 23, 2026 public hearing)

Chair and members of the committee, the King County Medical Society supports HB 2401.

KCMS has addressed this issue through a written policy that supports the establishment of a Boys and Men Commission to improve health and well-being outcomes across the lifespan. Washington faces persistent disparities affecting boys and men, including mental health and suicide risk, substance use, violence and injury, educational attainment, and involvement with the criminal justice system. Addressing these issues requires coordinated, data-informed strategies.

HB 2401 creates a statewide commission to bring focus, accountability, and cross-sector coordination to these challenges. KCMS supports a structured approach that centers prevention, improves access to timely behavioral health care, and advances health equity.

For these reasons, KCMS supports HB 2401.

Sincerely,

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