

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE MOTION NO. 22-254

APPROVING AND RATIFYING 2022 CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5064 (2SSB 5064), the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and other Protective Arrangements Act, adding a new Section to RCW 11.130.200, effective January 1, 2021, requiring the court appoint an attorney to an adult or minor who is the subject of a proceeding under RCW 11.130.190, Petition for appointment of guardian for minor; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County entered into agreement IAA22071 with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement of expenses related to 2SSB 5064 for the amount of \$716,205 on August 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2022 Budget appropriated \$716,205 to the Superior Court to fulfill the requirements of 2SSB 5064; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County entered into an agreement on February 07, 2022 for indigent guardianship legal defense services with Alford and Assoc., PLLC; and

WHEREAS, the agreement was executed with an hourly rate of one-hundred twenty-five and no/100 Dollars (\$125.00) per hour for services with an initial maximum of twenty-five (25) hours per case; and

WHEREAS, the agreement does not include a not-to-exceed amount and was executed under Snohomish County Code 3.04.190; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with Alford and Assoc., PLLC requires ratification by Council via motion to allow expenditure above \$25,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council hereby approves and ratifies the signature of the Snohomish County Executive, or designee, to the Contracts for Legal Services referenced above, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

Asst. Clerk of the Council