

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 26-202

PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED
WITH JAIL EFFICIENCY STUDY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council has authority via Charter Section 2.90 to “conduct or cause to be conducted periodic performance and program audits to review the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and operations of the county”; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office has conducted at least four studies of Law Enforcement Operations, dating back to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office is requesting a Jail Efficiency Study to be conducted to review the complexity of jail operations and the costs associated with providing adequate services; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is experiencing a structural deficit amidst the General Fund, primarily due to labor costs outpacing revenues, creating budget shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, there is interest from the County Sheriff, the County Executive and the County Council in conducting an efficiency study of Jail Operations to ensure best practices and cost savings where possible; and

WHEREAS, the parties are interested in soliciting responses from qualified firms with Corrections-related experience; and

WHEREAS, the Performance Audit program within the Legislative Department was appropriated \$170,000 in the 2025-2026 biennial budget which can be used for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council hereby:

- 1) Authorizes the Council Chief of Staff to work collaboratively with the Sheriff and Executive Office staff to develop a Request for Proposal for the purpose of performing a Jail Efficiency Study; and
- 2) Directs that the Jail Efficiency Study commence no later than October 1, 2026.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council