



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington**

PROPOSED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26-010

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AND
COUNTY EXECUTIVE SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A WORKGROUP
IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE
FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE**

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2025, the County Executive launched the Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce to identify realistic, near term actions within County authority to stabilize the budget in the 2027-2028 biennium; and

WHEREAS, the Taskforce included representation from key community partners and labor organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Taskforce convened for five facilitated sessions, with presentations from Public Works, Finance, Information Technology, Operational Excellence, and the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, these sessions included review of fiscal data, service demands, and structural budget challenges and incorporated multiple opportunities for input and discussion; and

WHEREAS, the Taskforce identified that solutions must both provide immediate stabilization and address the County's ongoing structural revenue gap; and

WHEREAS, members of the Taskforce presented their findings and a range of potential strategies to the Snohomish County Council on March 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Taskforce outlined a set of near term and medium-term actions, including revenue options, cost containment strategies, and policy improvements to address projected deficits and support long-term fiscal sustainability; and

WHEREAS, a proposed next step is to form an internal workgroup to review the Taskforce recommendations and develop proposed actions for consideration by the County Council and Executive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council and County Executive hereby jointly support the formation of an internal workgroup comprised of two representatives from the County Council, two representatives from the Executive Office, the Snohomish County Sheriff and the Snohomish County Prosecutor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the workgroup shall evaluate, prioritize, and develop recommendations for implementation of actions consistent with the Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce's findings with the goal of achieving both near term budget stabilization and long-term fiscal sustainability.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Megan Dunn
Council Chair

Dave Somers
County Executive

Sam Low
Council Vice-Chair

Nate Nehring
Councilmember

Jared Mead
Councilmember

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Councilmember

ATTEST: _____
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