



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** COW  
**ECAF:** 23-0342  
**Proposal:** Ord. 23-028

**Analyst:** Heidi Beazizo  
**Date:** March 31, 2023

### **Consideration**

Approve Ordinance 23-028 amending 2.12.070, adding a District Court Judge to Cascade Court.

### **Background**

Ordinance 22-059<sup>1</sup> appropriated six-months of funding for a District Court Judge and a Legal Process Assistant II in the 2023 Budget. Senate Bill 5003<sup>2</sup>, signed by the Governor on March 30, 2023, amends RCW [3.34.010](#), adding a District Court Judge to Snohomish County's allowed number; the effective date of the RCW change is July 23, 2023.

Snohomish County Code 2.12.070 assigns a specific number of judges to each court, and with the additional judge allowed by SB 5003, SCC needs to be amended.

### **Current Proposal**

*Scope:* Ordinance 23-028 amends 2.12.070 adding a District Court Judge to Cascade Court.

*Duration:* Until further amended

*Fiscal Implications:* Annually, with salaries and benefits, the cost of an additional judge is \$243,292.24.

**2023 Budget:** YES (six months funding)

**Future Budget Impacts:** YES

**Handling:** NORMAL

**Approved-as-to-form:** YES

**Request:** Assign to COW at Admin on April 4<sup>th</sup> and consider setting time and date for a public hearing. Following public comment, move to Council for consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2022-0987 \(legistar.com\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Washington State Legislature](#)