



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF:

2025-3764

2025-3765

Motion:

25-567

25-568

Type:

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☒ Other

Requested Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Subject: Acting Health Officer Coverage – Snohomish County Health Department

Scope: The following two motions would add the following people to the list of individuals the Executive has the ability to appoint to serve as the County's Acting Health Officer should the County's health officer be absent, unable to fulfill the duties, or when there is a vacancy.

Motion 25-567 – Whatcom County – Dr. Amy Harley

Motion 25-568 – Whatcom County – Dr. Meghan Lelonek

Duration: n/a
(the underlying ILA is through December 31, 2028, but has an automatic annual renewal thereafter unless/until terminated by either party)

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: n/a

Background: The Snohomish County Health Department regularly enters into agreements with other Health Department/Districts as allowed under [RCW 70.05.080](#) to ensure continuity of services. These agreements essentially provide the County with a list of health officers that have been approved by Council for the Executive to appoint as necessary when the Snohomish County Health Officer is unavailable, whether due to absence, vacancy, or if they are unable to fulfill their duties.

[Ordinance 23-039](#) approved the underlying Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County for each agency to provide reciprocal health officer coverage when necessary. As services go both ways, there is no cost for these agreements.

Requested Action: Move to GLS for consideration.