



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 22-0600
Proposal: Mot. 22-248

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Date: June 3, 2022

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-248 which would confirm the County's intent to withdraw from the Snohomish Health District with an effective date of December 31, 2022.

Background

There have been multiple times since the creation of the Snohomish Health District in 1959 where the County and the health district have worked together to collaboratively address issues of public health.

The COVID-19 pandemic provided another opportunity for the Health District and the County to collaborate and the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and the Health District established a unified incident command to establish protocols for isolation and quarantine, coordinate advanced planning for personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution, medical-surge operations and community care coordination.

With the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Health District and the Snohomish County Vaccine Task Force worked in close collaboration to plan, execute and maintain at least seven (7) mass vaccination sites and dozens of mobile vaccination clinics.

On May 25th, Council received and discussed a memo¹ describing the possible integration of the Snohomish Health District and Snohomish County, including benefits, governance, structure and staff, possible risks and the process required for integration.

On May 31, 2022, the Snohomish Health District Board of Health unanimously passed a resolution supporting integration of the Health District and Snohomish County.²

As described in the May 25th memo, the next step in pursuing integration is for the County Council to pass a motion indicating the county's intent to withdraw from the Snohomish Health District pursuant to [RCW 70.46.090](#).

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-248 indicates the county's intent to withdraw from the Snohomish Health District effective December 31, 2022 and immediately thereupon, establish a county health department as required by RCW.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Implications: Unknown

2022 Budget: NO

Future Budget Impacts: YES. The Health District will complete a 2023 budget projection for use in the Executive's Recommended Budget (ERB).

¹ [2022-0570 - Memorandum \(legistar.com\)](#)

² [Coversheet \(novusagenda.com\)](#)

Handling: Urgent

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: FYI Provided

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Attachments: N/A

Amendments: N/A

Analysis: Required action per RCW 70.46.090

Request: Assign this motion to COW for consideration at GLS on June 8, 2022; request Council consider taking action.