



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Planning & Community Development      **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman  
**ECAF:** 2021-0376  
**Proposal:** Proposed Motion 21-223      **Date:** July 6, 2021

### **Consideration**

Proposed Motion 21-223 would authorize the County Executive to execute the dissolution vote ballot to dissolve the Northwest Incident Management Team (NWIMT).

### **Background**

The NWIMT is an emergency management task force formed in 2014 by Interlocal Agreement. 19 agencies, including Snohomish County currently participate through the ILA. However, after several years of operation the NWIMT Board of Directors reports that it struggles with finding sustainable funding and team structure. On May 7, 2021, the Board passed a motion asking each of the member agencies to vote on whether to dissolve the NWIMT. The agenda packet includes a May 26, 2021 letter from the Board to Snohomish County describing the situation and requested vote. This letter includes a statement that “we [the Board] remain hopeful that other more successful models can be explored that will allow this important function to be available in the region. If the vote should fail, then additional work will have to be undertake to figure out sweeping changes necessary to make the team successful.” The Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) has informed the NWIMT of DEM’s intent to terminate their contract for lead coordinating agency services, which would further impair the functioning of the NWIMT.

### **Current Proposal**

*Summary:* The motion would authorize the County Executive, acting through DEM, to take actions necessary to dissolve the NWIMT.

*Effective Date:* Date of passage

*Fiscal Implications:* The estimate for Snohomish County's annual share of the NWIMT budget is \$63,605.

*Scope:* Movement of a motion to dissolve the NWIMT

**Handling:** NORMAL

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

**Risk Management:** APPROVE.

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE.

### **Analysis**

An affirmative vote on the motion would result in dissolution of the NWIMT, allowing redeployment of funding for other purposes.

### **Request**

Move to GLS July 14, 2021, for council to consider taking action.