



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 2022-0660
Proposal: Motion 22-282

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Consideration

The Executive’s Office requests Council consider Motion 22-282, providing updated direction related to PSTAA allocations.

Background

The State of Washington Legislature established the Puget Sound Taxpayers Accountability Act (PSTAA) account pursuant to RCW [43.79.520](#) and Snohomish County is estimate to receive approximately \$79 million between 2019 and 2036.

On November 10, 2020, the Snohomish County Council passed the 2021 budget providing \$800,000 in expenditure authority for PSTAA revenues.¹

On March 10, 2021, the Snohomish County Council passed Amended Motion 21-089 providing direction to develop interlocal agreements (ILA) with the school districts and higher education institutions with students located inside the regional transit authority’s boundaries.²

While managing the PSTAA program in the 2021-2022 program year, some changes were proposed to reduce the administrative burden and use consistent language.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-282 requests two changes to Exhibit A (all other components remain the same as Motion 21-089):

Prior Language	Proposed Language	Comments
Within two years of the State Legislature’s appropriation of PSTAA funds, unused funds may be re-allocated by the County Council to the remaining school districts. Such unused funds would be allocated proportionately by the population of each school district residing within the boundaries of Sound Transit.	Appropriated funds unused by the school district (school district did not submit reimbursement for the totality of appropriated funds) will remain in the PSTAA account and be included in the available balance to be appropriated in a future program year.	Tracking the age of State-appropriated funds was anticipated to prove administratively burdensome. The proposed language is supported by the schools and colleges.
School Districts: At least fifty percent (50%) of funds	School Districts: At least fifty percent (50%) of funds	During this first program year, it was discovered

¹ [Public Hearing - 2021 Budget Hearing - SPECIAL MEETING \(granicus.com\)](#)

² [General Legislative Session \(granicus.com\)](#)

allocated must be used in sub-contracting with community-based early learning providers

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that the words “sub-contract” are not typically used by school districts and colleges.

The intent remains the same while adjusting the language for consistency.

Duration: Until modified by Council action

Fiscal Implications: N/A

2022 Budget: N/A

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: Expedite – desired timing is for council to consider approving Motion 22-282 so the motion number can be included in upcoming ILA amendments for the 2022-2023 program year.

Approved-as-to-form: N/A

Risk Management: N/A

Executive Recommendation: N/A (changes discussed with Human Services and Fiscal Staff)

Attachments: NONE

Amendments: NONE

Request: Move this motion to GLS on July 13th for Council to consider taking action.