## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## **MOTION NO. 21-285**

APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, OFFICE OF PUBLIC
DEFENSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INDIGENT DEFENSE
REPRESENTATION PURSUANT TO STATE V. BLAKE

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court announced its opinion in <u>State v. Blake</u> that all previous convictions for simple drug possession were unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the State Office of Public Defense has awarded Snohomish County \$97,047 for Fiscal Year 2021 for representation of eligible persons impacted by <u>State v. Blake</u>; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense signed an agreement on June 23, 2021, for receipt of funds for public defense services pursuant to <u>State v. Blake</u>; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council is vested with the authority to approve the agreement with the state and agrees that this agreement is in the best interest of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council ratifies the agreement between the State Office of Public Defense and Snohomish County entered into on June 23, 2021, and authorizes the County Executive to sign the agreement and execute the conditions thereof.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2021.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

Council Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Asst. Clerk of the Council