

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 25-478

MOTION APPOINTING JAMES MILLER, MD, MPH, TO SERVE AS ACTING HEALTH
OFFICER WHEN SNOHOMISH COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER MAY BE ABSENT

WHEREAS, there may be periods when the position of the Snohomish County health officer is vacant or the incumbent health officer may be absent or incapacitated and unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the local health officer, and it is imperative that the responsibilities of the local health officer that require timely public health action be fulfilled for Snohomish County during these periods; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 70.05.080, James Miller, MD, MPH, may serve as acting health officer for Snohomish County when so requested; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2025, the Snohomish County Council passed Motion No. 25-443 approving an interlocal agreement for health officer coverage by Dr. Miller between Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and Snohomish County (the "Interlocal Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement requires appointment of Dr. Miller as acting local health officer; and


WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Executive has evaluated the appointment of Dr. Miller for eligibility in compliance with SCC 2.300.080 and RCW 70.05.050; and

WHEREAS, Executive Dave Somers nominates James Miller, MD, MPH, to serve as acting health officer when the Snohomish County local health officer may be absent, incapacitated, unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the position, or has otherwise vacated the position;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to appoint James Miller, MD, MPH, as acting health officer when the Snohomish County local health officer may be absent, incapacitated, unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the position, or has otherwise vacated the position.


PASSED this 29th day of October, 2025.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council