



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 23-0306
Proposal: Mot. 23-126

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Date: March 22, 2023

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving Motion 23-126 which would approve Amendment No. 3 to the 2020 Contract for Legal Services with the law firm of Frey Buck P.S.

Background

The original agreement for legal services with Frey Buck P.S. was executed on February 12, 2021 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000. The firm provides outside legal services for the County in the matter of Jennifer Dold, et al. v. Snohomish County, et al.

Amendment No. 1 was approved on February 11, 2022, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$100,000. Prior to sending Amendment No. 1 to Council for consideration, the costs of the litigation increased beyond Amendment No.1 prompting the drafting of Amendment No. 2.

Amendment No. 2 was approved by Council on September 28, 2022 via Substitute Motion 22-372¹ which approved Amendment No. 2 and ratified Amendment No. 1.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 23-126 approves Amendment No. 3 which increases the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement. All other terms and conditions are the same.

Duration: Unknown

Fiscal Implications: Not to exceed \$425,000

2021 Budget: YES. Expenditures are drawn from Fund 506, Insurance Defense Fund.

Future Budget Impacts: Unknown and dependent on ongoing litigation costs

Handling: NORMAL.

Approved-as-to-form: YES.

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Analysis: SCC 3.04.140(5) allows for the Prosecuting Attorney to approve \$50,000 in litigation contracts. As the not to exceed amount is increasing, it requires council approval.

Request: Move to GLS on April 5th for Council to consider taking action.

¹ [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2022-0868 \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com/View/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000)