



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** LJHS  
**ECAF:** 22-0333  
**Proposal:** Mot. 22-153

**Analyst:** Heidi Beazizo  
**Date:** April 7, 2022

### **Consideration**

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-153 which would approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement for Legal Services with Keating, Bucklin & McCormack.

### **Background**

The original agreement for legal services with Keating, Bucklin & McCormack was executed on August 25, 2020 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000. Amendment No. 1 was approved by Council on March 24, 2021, by Motion 21-105<sup>1</sup>, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$150,000. The outside counsel is representing Snohomish County in a civil lawsuit and continued representation is needed.

### **Current Proposal**

*Scope:* Motion 22-153 approves Amendment No.2 which increases the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement. All other terms and conditions are the same.

*Duration:* No Change. In effect from August 25, 2020 until terminated or the conclusion of the litigation. Termination allowed for violation of the agreement or lack of cooperation on behalf of the county.

*Fiscal Implications:* Not to exceed \$250,000

**2021 Budget:** YES. DAC 506.5124714609

**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. All other amounts above \$50,000 require council consideration.

**Attachments:** NONE

**Amendments:** NONE

**Request:** Move to GLS on April 20, 2022 for Council to consider taking action.

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<sup>1</sup> [Law & Justice/Human Services Committee \(granicus.com\)](https://www.granicus.com)