



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** LJHS  
**ECAF:** 22-0686  
**Proposal:** Mot. 22-372

**Analyst:** Heidi Beazizo  
**Date:** Sept. 20, 2022

### **Consideration**

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Substitute Motion 22-272 which would approve Amendment No. 2 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.

As litigation continues, continued services are needed.

### **Current Proposal**

**Scope:** Proposed Substitute Motion 22-273 approves Amendment No. 2 which increases the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement and also requests that Council ratify Amendment No. 1. All other terms and conditions are the same.

**Duration:** Unknown

**Fiscal Implications:** Not to exceed \$300,000

**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.

**Attachments:** NONE

**Amendments:** NONE

**Request:** Move to GLS on September 28, 2022 for Council to consider taking action.