



Snohomish County Council

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
4/13/2022	1	Public Hearings	Approved	Pass
3/30/2022	1	General Legislative Session	Set time/date for Public Hearing	
3/28/2022	1	Law and Justice / Human Services Committee	Moved to the GLS Regular Agenda	
3/28/2022	1	Administrative Session	Assigned	

Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance 22-015, relating to the Superior Court, increasing the number of Superior Court Commissioners, and amending Chapter 2.14 SCC

DEPARTMENT: COUNCIL

ORIGINATOR: Heidi Beazizo

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PURPOSE: Updating the number of Superior Court Commissioners from five (5) to six (6).

BACKGROUND: The Washington State Legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1320, "An Act Relating to modernizing, harmonizing, and improving the efficacy and accessibility of laws concerning civil protection orders" (ESSHB 1320) during the 2021 Washington State Legislative Regular Session and Governor Inslee signed the bill into law effective July 1, 2022. ESSHB 1320 contains significant changes to the manner in which protection order matters are heard in Washington State which will significantly impact Superior Court caseloads throughout Washington State and increase the amount of time in which Superior Courts spend on protection order matters. The majority of protection order matters in Snohomish County Superior Court are heard within the Court Commissioner departments, therefore, the Snohomish County

Superior Court is in need of additional Court Commissioner resources to respond effectively to the workload impacts precipitated by ESSHB 1320. ESSHB 1320 creates a new type of Court Commissioner, identified as a Protection Order Commissioner, for Superior Courts to consider using to assist with this new and increased amount of work. The Superior Court believes that adding one (1) additional Court Commissioner will provide the Snohomish County Superior Court with the capacity to address the impacts from ESSHB 1320, hear cases in a timely manner and continue to secure access to justice for our community.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
002.5367401011 (salaries)	\$117,980.52	\$235,960.98	\$1,415,765.88
002.5367402013 (benefits)	\$38,849.10	\$77,698.21	\$466,189.26
TOTAL	\$156,829.60	\$313,659.20	\$1,881,955.14

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES: Using a combination of vacant juvenile detention officer positions mixed with one (1) or (2) kitchen vacancies and additional salary savings to fund the expense. Current vacant positions used are: SUP3921R (Kitchen Coordinator); SUP3981R (JDO); SUP3985R (JDO). Total of the three (3) positions is \$281,854 and when combined with additional available salary savings, will cover the costs of the new Commissioner and Judicial Coordinator.

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____
 AMENDMENT _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____

Contract Period

ORIGINAL START _____ END _____
 AMENDMENT START _____ END _____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Approved as to form by DPA George Marsh 3/24/22