



# Snohomish County Council

## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 2021-0640    **Version:** 1  
**Type:** Motion    **Status:** Approved  
**File created:** 8/19/2021    **In control:** Public Hearings  
**On agenda:** 9/22/2021    **Final action:** 9/22/2021  
**Title:** Motion 21-285, approving and ratifying the Agreement between Snohomish County and the State of Washington, Office of Public Defense for the purpose of providing indigent defense representation pursuant to *State v. Blake*

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Motion 21-285, 2. WA State Office of Public Defense Agreement No. GRT21052-EXEC SIGNED, 3. Hearing Packet, 4. Council Staff Report, 5. Motion Assignment Sheet, 6. Distribution Sheet

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/22/2021	1	Public Hearings	Approved	Pass
8/25/2021	1	General Legislative Session	Set time/date for Public Hearing	
8/24/2021	1	Finance and Economic Development Committee	Moved to the GLS Regular Agenda	
8/23/2021	1	Administrative Session	Assigned	

### Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

**ITEM TITLE:**

Motion 21-285, approving and ratifying the Agreement between Snohomish County and the State of Washington, Office of Public Defense for the purpose of providing indigent defense representation pursuant to *State v. Blake*

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Public Defense

**ORIGINATOR:** Jason Schwarz

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**PURPOSE:** Approve and Ratify the Agreement Between Sno. Co. and WA State Office of Public Defense for 2021

**BACKGROUND:** In February, the Washington State Supreme Court announced its opinion in *State v. Blake*, 481 P. 3d 521 (2021) that all previous convictions for simple drug possession were unconstitutional. Any person with a conviction for simple possession has a right to have the unconstitutional conviction vacated from their record. Vacating convictions and resentencing requires substantial and dedicated work by public defenders on behalf of their clients entitled to a legal remedy. In June of 2021, the Washington State Office of Public

Defense notified the Snohomish County it had been selected to receive funds for representation of individuals on cases impacted by State v. Blake. This motion is necessary to ratify the agreement with the State Office of Public Defense so that funds can be accepted and dispersed for legal representation in Blake cases.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
002.5321274107	97,047		
<b>TOTAL</b>	97,047		

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
002.332127xxxx	97,047		
<b>TOTAL</b>	97,047		

**DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONTRACT INFORMATION:**

ORIGINAL	x	CONTRACT#	GRT21052	AMOUNT	97,047
AMENDMENT		CONTRACT#		AMOUNT	

**Contract Period**

ORIGINAL	START	6/28/21	END	12/31/21
AMENDMENT	START		END	

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS:** Approved/Reviewed by Finance & Risk