



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:

Motion 23-546, confirming the reappointment of Desmond Skubi to the Snohomish County Board of Health

DEPARTMENT: Health

ORIGINATOR: Sarah de Jong

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Lacey Harper 12/4/23

PURPOSE: to recommend the reappointment of Desmond Skubi to the Snohomish County Board of Health.

BACKGROUND: RCW 70.05.035 requires all local health jurisdictions to establish a local board of health and on October 26, 2022, the Snohomish County Council adopted Snohomish County Code (SCC) 2.300.090 which establishes a board of health for the county and comprises of nine members - the Snohomish County Council chair and vice-chair, one elected member from a large/medium city in the county, one elected member from a small city or town in the county, one community stakeholder, one healthcare facilities representative, one healthcare provider, one public health consumer, and one tribal representative appointed by the American Indian Health Commission.

The following member is seeking reappointment to the Snohomish County Board of Health: Desmond Skubi, is seeking reappointment as a community stakeholder representative. Mr. Skubi has more than 25 years experience working with populations to improve healthcare and reduce health disparities.

When Mr. Skubi was originally appointed to the Board of Health on March 1, 2023, the original SCC 2.300.120 (dated 10/26/2022) was in place which states, "(3) the initial terms for the appointed members of the board of health shall be as follows: two members shall each serve a one-year term and three members shall each serve a two-year term. The board of health shall determine the initial term lengths primarily by member preference. Each of the initial terms shall be considered full terms for purposes of determining eligibility for services in future terms. Including the initial term, an appointed member of the board of health may serve up to two full terms. A full term shall be two years."

A May 24, 2023, amendment to the aforementioned section was revised to, "The terms of office for board of health members shall be four years, with a limit of three terms in accordance with Snohomish County Charter section 9.60."

Mr. Skubi's initial term of one year was approved by County Council prior to that amendment and as such, his term will expire on December 31, 2023. If approved, this would be Mr. Skubi's second term on the board and would be for a duration of four years.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:
