

**WHATCOM COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT**

Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 401
Bellingham, WA 98225-4081



ANGELA ANDERSON
Judge

JONATHAN RANDS
Judge

ANTHONY PARISE
Commissioner

JAKE WIEBUSCH
Administrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Jake Wiebusch
RE: Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
DATE: January 7, 2025

This is a contract amendment seeking an increase in the total annual amount (pass through revenue) and an updated termination date.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract with the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center provides the option of mediation services for participants in Civil and Small Claims Court cases filed in Whatcom County District Court.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract is through a surcharge assessed on each Civil and Small Claims Court case filed in Whatcom County District Court. The surcharge on these cases is authorized by RCW 7.75 and Whatcom County Ordinance 92.92. The revenue collected by these surcharges results in pass through revenue only and is remitted to the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

There are two differences with this contract amendment. The first is increasing the total amount from \$28,000 to \$64,000. The second is shortening the term of this contract from 12/31/25 to 12/31/24. A new contract for the original final year of this contract (2025) will be issued addressing an oversight for the total amount for compensation.

Please contact me at extension 5462, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the amended terms of this agreement.