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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator

RE: BECCA Programs and Service for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026
with Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts

DATE: July 28, 2025

Enclosed is an original of the interagency agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to reimburse Whatcom County for expenses associated with processing BECCA (Truancy, At Risk Youth, Child In Need of Services) cases.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts will reimburse Whatcom County up to \$98,853.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

There is a substantial decrease in contract amount due to legislative funding changes. The contract is \$178,391 dollars less. While the legislature changed the state wide allocation from 14 million to 4 million for state fiscal years 2026 and 2027, the statute did not change the underlying statute, resulting in an underfunded mandate.

Please contact **Stephanie Kraft** at extension **5496**, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement,

Encl.