

**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, District Court and Probation Administrator
RE: Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
DATE: October 14, 2025

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract with the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center (WDRC) 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**

This contract returns to the previously established 3-year term (2026-28). In 2025, a one year amended contract was entered to correct an oversight for the total for compensation. Due to an increase in filings and use of WDRC, the contract amount is increased to \$40,000 per year for a total of \$120,000.

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