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May 1, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance authorizing an interlocal agreement for the provision of autopsy and forensic pathology services by the King County Medical Examiner's Office to Skagit County. Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 39.34, action by Ordinance is required prior to execution.

Skagit County is seeking to engage the King County Medical Examiner's Office (MEO) to provide backup autopsy and forensic pathology services. MEO provides similar services to other counties. In this instance, Skagit County's policies require an interlocal agreement.

The King County prosecuting attorney's office and the King County office of risk management services have reviewed the interlocal agreement.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. If your staff have questions, please contact Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Government Relations Manager, Public Health – Seattle & King County, at 206-263-0365.

Sincerely,

for

Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

Enclosure

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