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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 18-002

RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC AND REVENUE  
FORECAST WORK GROUP; ADDING A NEW SECTION TO CHAPTER 4.26 OF THE  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, a reliable revenue estimate is essential to building a fiscally responsible budget and sets a benchmark for how much funding the County will be able to provide for public services; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to predict annual or biennial revenues precisely and it is critically important for the County to define the fundamental issues affecting the revenue forecast and long-term plans and strategies; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO) defines a consensus revenue forecast as a "revenue projection developed in agreement through an official forecasting group representing both the executive and legislative branches."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

**Section 1.** A new section is added to Chapter 4.26 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

**4.26.018 Economic and Revenue Forecast Work Group.**

There is hereby established the economic and revenue forecast work group, which shall develop the general fund revenue forecast for the county's annual or biennial budget. The purpose of the work group is to develop a consensus revenue forecast for general fund revenues, and to receive and review general fund revenue forecasts from general fund departments for inclusion in the budget recommended by the executive. Members of the economic and revenue forecast work group shall include two representatives from the Department of Finance selected by the county executive and two representatives from the county council's legislative analyst staff selected by the council chair. The work group shall begin meeting no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> with an effort to reach consensus on the revenue forecast by August 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year.

Any deviations from the consensus revenue forecast or other general fund revenues reviewed by the work group that are included in the budget recommended by the executive to the county council shall be included in the supplemental information submitted with the proposed budget.

1 PASSED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011.

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4 Snohomish County, Washington

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7 Council Chair

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13 Clerk of the Council  
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