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PROPOSITION 6**

(Issue No. 3: Performance Auditor)

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission proposed an amendment to the Snohomish County Charter to establish the independent department of county performance auditor. This measure would create an independent department of county performance auditor, whose department head would be appointed for a four year term, for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating and reporting on the integrity and function of the county's financial management system, the accuracy of financial record keeping, compliance with applicable laws, policies, guidelines and procedures, and efficiency and effectiveness of operations and programs. Should this proposal be:

Approved.....

Rejected.....

B. Charter Amendments Required:

Section 3.130 Powers and Duties of County Auditor

New Section:

Section 2.150 Department of County Performance Auditor.

The county council shall establish by ordinance the independent department of county performance auditor for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating and reporting on the integrity of the county's financial management system, the accuracy of financial record keeping, compliance with applicable laws, policies, guidelines and procedures, and efficiency and effectiveness of operations and programs. The department shall commence functioning no later than July 1, 2007 and shall have the duties and responsibilities expressed in this section as well as those established by ordinance. The department head shall have appropriate professional credentials, legal authority or access to records, adequate funding, and shall use generally accepted accounting/auditing standards. The department shall adhere to government auditing standards in conducting its work and shall be considered independent as defined by those standards.

The department head shall be named through appointment by a majority vote of the county council and shall serve a term of four years unless removed for cause.

Deleted: The county auditor shall have all the powers, authorities and duties granted to and imposed upon a county auditor by state law and as provided by this charter.. The county auditor shall establish an independent department of performance auditing within the county auditor's office which shall commence functioning no later than July 1, 1997. The duties and responsibilities of the department of performance auditing shall be established by ordinance. The department of performance auditing shall be established by ordinance. The department head shall have appropriate professional credentials, legal authority or access to records, adequate funding, civil service or "dismiss for cause" employment protection, and shall use generally accepted accounting/auditing standards.

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