

PROPOSITION 6

Performance Auditor

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning the County Auditor and county performance auditing. This measure would repeal a section providing for the powers and duties of the County Auditor, including performance auditing, and adopt a new section requiring the County Council to establish an independent office of county performance auditor in the legislative branch as described therein, with the Performance Auditor to be appointed by the County Council for a four year term. Should this proposal be:

Approved.....□

Rejected.....□

B. Charter Amendments Required:

Section 3.130 — Powers and Duties of County Auditor

~~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.~~

New Section:

Section 2.150 Office of County Performance Auditor.

The county council shall establish by ordinance within the legislative branch the independent office 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 the efficiency and effectiveness of operations and programs. The office 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 performance auditor shall have appropriate professional credentials, legal authority or access to records, adequate funding, and shall use

generally accepted accounting/auditing standards. The office of performance auditor shall adhere to government auditing standards in conducting its work and shall be considered independent as defined by those standards.

The performance auditor 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.