



## **Media Advisory – Jan. 12, 2009**

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### **Reardon requests outside review of complaint policies**

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon has requested the Prosecuting Attorney's Office authorize the use of an outside special deputy prosecutor to conduct a formal review of policies and procedures regarding workplace complaints, including alleged harassment and discrimination violations.

The special deputy prosecuting attorney will conduct a full review of the processes and procedures regarding complaints in the workplace.

In addition, Reardon has asked the special deputy prosecuting attorney to conduct a review of the county's Equal Employment Opportunity Office. The EEO Office is responsible for workplace harassment and civil rights training, investigating complaints regarding alleged harassment or discrimination, and recommending corrective action when warranted.

Perkins Coie, the law firm hired by Reardon to conduct an investigation into allegations against the county's former PDS director, has been selected to perform the review.

The special deputy prosecuting attorney could begin reviewing procedures as early as this week.

"I want to ensure that the process in place is fair, complete and above reproach," Reardon said Tuesday.

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