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**Snohomish County Council Votes to Override Executive Veto of Ordinance 17-104 Regarding the Establishment of a Restricted Hiring Process for Management Exempt Employees**

On Friday February 2, 2018 the Snohomish County Council held a special meeting to vote on whether or not to override the Executive's veto of Ordinance 17-104, which establishes a restricted hiring process for some management exempt employees. The Council voted 5-0 to override the veto.

On January 17, 2018, the Snohomish County Council considered and approved Ordinance 17-104. As stated during the public hearing, personnel costs, including salaries and wages, benefits, overtime, and payroll taxes account for 70%-80% of general fund expenditures. The ordinance provides council with another tool to better manage the county's general fund expenditures in a manner that improves ongoing fiscal health and financial sustainability. This is not a hiring freeze.

The Snohomish County Council looks forward to working with the Executive and Executive staff to address long-term fiscal sustainability prior to, and during, the 2019 budget process. This includes further examining department functions, management tools and identifying potential savings.