



## Legislation Text

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A JOINT MOTION of the Snohomish County Council and Metropolitan King County Council making an appointment to fill the vacancy in the position of state senator for the 1<sup>st</sup> legislative district.

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of state senator for the 1<sup>st</sup> legislative district due to the resignation of Senator Guy Palumbo, and

WHEREAS, the 1st legislative district is a multicounty legislative district, including parts of Snohomish County and King County, and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Washington state Constitution provides that in the event of a vacancy occurring in a multicounty legislative district the vacancy shall be filled by joint action of the legislative authorities of the respective counties from a list of three candidates nominated by the state central committee of the same political party as the legislator whose office is vacated, and

WHEREAS, the candidates must reside in the 1st legislative district and be of the same political party as the legislator whose office is vacated, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Democrats Central Committee has submitted the names of three constitutionally qualified candidates to fill the vacancy created by Senator Palumbo's resignation, and

WHEREAS, to obtain information from the candidates about their qualifications and views each county legislative authority has either interviewed them or provided them with a written questionnaire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Snohomish County Council and King County Council:

A. \_\_\_\_\_, one of the three nominees, is hereby appointed to the position of state senator for the 1st legislative district in the Washington state Senate and continuing until a successor is elected

at the next general election, and has qualified.

B. The clerks of the councils shall provide a copy of this joint motion to the clerk of the Washington state Senate, the governor of the state of Washington and the chair of the Washington State Democrats Central Committee.