

# Council Agenda Bill

## AB Number

AB25-127

## Agenda Bill Information

### Title\*

Independent Force Investigation Team – King County (IFIT-KC)

### Action\*

Motion

### Council Agenda Section

Committee Report

### Council Meeting Date\*

01/26/2026

### Staff Member

Gary Horejsi

### Department\*

Police

### Committee

Public Safety

### Committee Date

01/20/2026

### Exhibits

Packet Attachments - if any

[King County IFIT Use of Force Team - SIGNED.pdf](#) 

196.73KB

[FINAL IFIT ILA MODIFICATION 2025-12-03.pdf](#) 

132.52KB

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[Resolution IFIT ILA.docx](#)

23.19KB

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## Summary

### Introduction\*

Brief summary.

The City of Snoqualmie and other east King County agencies have an interlocal agreement to conduct Independent Force Investigations with - King County (IFIT-KC). An addendum to the agreement is being proposed to allow the City of Seattle (Seattle PD) to join IFIT-KC.

### Proposed Motion

Move to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed amended agreement allowing the City of Seattle to join King County - IFIT.

### Background/Overview\*

What was done (legislative history, previous actions, ability to hyperlink)

In March of 2021 the City of Snoqualmie entered into an agreement with the following entities for independent force investigations:

Washington State Patrol, King County Sheriff's Office, Bellevue PD, Duvall PD, Kirkland PD, Clyde Hill PD, Issaquah PD, Lake Forest Park PD, Medina PD, Mercer Island PD, Redmond PD, Snoqualmie/North Bend PD and University of Washington Police Department.

RCW 10.114.011 requires that if deadly force by a peace officer results in death, great bodily harm, or substantial bodily harm, an independent investigation must be completed to inform any determination of whether the use of deadly force met the good faith standard established in RCW 9A.16.040 and satisfied other applicable laws and policies. It requires that such investigation be carried out completely independent of the agency whose officer was involved in the use of deadly force.

In July of 2025 the Seattle Police Department was released by the Department of Justice from a Consent Decree that had superseded the state requirement, and so is now required to meet the above RCW requirements and join an independent investigative team. Seattle PD arranged for a temporary arrangement with the King County Sheriff's Offices while they met with the IFIT-KC Chief's about the future of joining. The King County Sheriff's Office is a current member of both IFIT-KC and VIIT. IFIT includes all cities along Interstate 90 and north in King County. VIIT includes the cities south of Interstate 90.

The City of Seattle seeks to join as a party in the agreement, adding the Seattle Police Department (SPD) as a Member Agency, subject to all the terms and conditions of the Agreement and its subsequent modifications.

The Seattle Police Department began meeting with the current Chiefs of IFIT-KC to discuss the department's needs and the contributions Seattle PD could provide. Based on statutory requirements, Seattle PD anticipates four to six investigations per year. This addition would increase IFIT-KC's annual caseload from approximately four investigations to an estimated eight to ten.

The current IFIT-KC Chiefs have conducted monthly meetings and are satisfied that the Seattle PD's commitment to providing additional resources, including detectives, specialized equipment, and extensive investigative expertise, are adequate to offset the increased workload, and that the provision of these resources is expected to maintain current caseload levels for individual investigators.

Each member city of IFIT-KC intends to assign at least one investigator to the investigative teams, with larger agencies contributing additional personnel as needed to manage increased case volume. The amount of time spent on investigations varies from case to case. The estimated hours for an IFIT-KC case can be anywhere from 10 to 40 hours depending on their assignment. Each case has multiple investigators to lessen the workload for each officer and divided up among members based on the calls throughout the year so no one person or agency is overly burdened.

The City of Snoqualmie has also requested the removal of North Bend from "Snoqualmie/North Bend PD" for the purpose of this addendum. All City of Snoqualmie police officers will continue to be covered under this amendment in North Bend during our contractual agreement for police services through its conclusion on March 31, 2026.

The first modification of this agreement was a work draft version for each law enforcement entity to review. The final draft for approvals by each government entity is what is listed as the second modification.

### **Analysis\***

Bringing Seattle into this agreement is expected to be fully offset by the additional resources they will commit, and it resolves the policing contract change between Snoqualmie and North Bend.

### **Budgetary Status\***

This action has no budgetary implications.

### **Budget Summary**

The work required under the IFIT-KC ILA is estimated to be 20 to 80 hours annually which the Police Department can accommodate within its existing capacity. This action is not expected to create any additional cost to the City.