



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-3532

Motion: 25-516

Type:

☒ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☐ Other

Requested Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Subject: Amendment #1 to a Data Sharing Agreement between the Health Department and Washington State Department of Health (DOH)

Scope: Amendment #1 replaces, in its entirety, the prior agreement approved by [Ordinance 24-110](#) on January 8, 2025. This replaced agreement updates three components of the data sharing agreement. They are:

- 1) Adds a definition for "WA ESSENCE" (page 3);
- 2) Updates the expiration date to December 31, 2028 (formerly 12/31/2026); and
- 3) Adds Appendix E – [Tribal Data Sovereignty Principles](#) which incorporates sovereignty principles over their data based on the Governor's Indian Health Advisory Council's principles.

Duration: Upon execution to 12/31/2028

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: Authorizes the County Executive to execute Amendment #1.

Background: The Washington Department of Health supports local health jurisdictions (LHJs) and tribes in their disease and injury surveillance and control activities by providing timely access to data. ESSENCE data is some of the timeliest information available, with over 90% of emergency departments reporting visits within 24 hours. LHJs and tribes use this information to identify and respond quickly to public health threats such as novel pathogens, as well as track injury and health condition trends, evaluate interventions implemented, and use ESSENCE data within their statutory authority to provide quality public health services.

On January 8, 2025, the county adopted Ordinance 24-110 authorizing the exchange of data for this purpose.

Requested Action: Move to GLS on December 3, 2025, for consideration.