



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Health and Community Services
ECAF: 2023-0927
Ordinance: 23-081

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Consideration

Proposed Ordinance 23-081 authorizes the County Executive, or designee, to execute a data sharing agreement between Snohomish County and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) for accessing pregnancy risk assessment monitoring data.

Background

The agreement allows the Health Department to access DOH Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) datasets. This data has been used by the Health Department (and its predecessor the Snohomish Health District) since 1993. PRAMS Data Sharing Agreements have been executed since at least 2017.

PRAMS is a surveillance project of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and health departments. Developed in 1987, PRAMS collects jurisdiction-specific, population-based data on maternal attitudes and experiences before, during, and shortly after pregnancy. The births in the 50 jurisdictions that participate in PRAMS surveillance are 81% of all live births in the United States.

PRAMS data are used by researchers to investigate emerging issues in the field of reproductive health and by state, territory, and local governments to plan and review programs and policies aimed at reducing health problems among mothers and infants.

PRAMS data inform programs and policies to reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality in Snohomish County. Generally, PRAMS are used for ongoing assessment activities, including tracking trends for public health indicators, preparing reports on specific public health issues, and responding to requests for data from the public and other public agencies. Data are analyzed and the findings are reported to policymakers to keep them informed about emerging public health issues and to track the progress of various public health programs. For example, these data were used to describe maternal-child health in the Community Health Assessment for 2022.

Current Proposal

Scope: Authorizes the Snohomish County to enter into a data sharing agreement with Washington State Department of Health. The contract requires compliance with the Washington State Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) security standard 141.10 Securing Information Technology Assets¹. Information security requirements are shown in Appendix B of the attached contract.

Duration: The data sharing agreement would expire on December 31, 2026.

Fiscal Implications: None

2023 Budget: N/A

¹ [Securing IT Assets \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov)

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVED

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Request: Move to the August 30th GLS agenda to set time and date for a Public Hearing.