

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 26-225

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE TO SIGN DATA SHARING AGREEMENT  
WITH STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR CONFIDENTIAL  
DATASET(S) TO RELEASE DEATH DATA

WHEREAS, Snohomish County, acting through its Health Department, needs access to death data from State of Washington Department of Health and authorization for the disclosure of obituary list information to requesting entities solely for official governmental functions, including public notification of deaths and the closure or termination of records, benefits, or accounts resulting from the death of an individual; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County will use the death data to compile and disclose a weekly death data list for qualified requestors, and to identify and conduct fatality reviews. Qualified requestors could be news media, social media, educational institutions, or individuals actively conducting research or gathering information of interest to the public; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County, acting through its Health Department, and the State of Washington Department of Health have executed numerous data sharing agreements, and this data sharing agreement does not represent a new program;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the County Council hereby authorizes the Executive to sign the data sharing agreement for confidential dataset(s) between State of Washington Department of Health and Snohomish County.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Deputy Clerk of the Council