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Re: Collaborative- Listening Sessions for Proposed Data Sharing Language for 2026 Legislative Session

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we invite collaboration on [draft language](#) aimed at reforming data sharing practices for the 2026 legislative session.

As shared in our [Informative DTLL](#) sent December 3, 2024, this draft language seeks to address long-standing barriers to sharing critical public health data with Tribal governments and Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs) in a timely and effective manner. The draft language has been developed as a starting point to guide discussions for our listening sessions, where we invite you to collaborate with us on developing the language for the 2026 legislative session.

The following listening sessions will take place during the *GIHAC Data Sovereignty Workgroup*:

Meeting Type	Date and Time	Zoom Information
Listening Session	Friday, March 21 st from 10:00am-11:30am	838 8743 4993
Listening Session	Friday, April 4 th from 10:00am-11:30am	Passcode: 774890

For additional information, please contact our Data Democratization Manager, Francoise Pickart at francoise.pickart@doh.wa.gov or Executive Director, Candice Wilson, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Best,

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