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1 ..Title

2 A MOTION calling on the county executive to create a
3 commission to investigate the data breach by the University
4 of Washington Medical System that potentially left almost
5 one million health records unprotected.

6 ..Body

7 WHEREAS, on December 4, 2018, the University of Washington suffered a data
8 error leaving protected health information available to the public, and

9 WHEREAS, on February 20, 2019, the University of Washington Health System
10 announced that it had left some health records of almost one million patients improperly
11 protected, and

12 WHEREAS, these records were related to the transfer of information between the
13 University and public health – Seattle & King County, and

14 WHEREAS, these patients are typically some of the most vulnerable population
15 in King County;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

17 A. The executive is requested to convene a commission to investigate the data
18 breach and report to the executive, the council and the public on:

- 19 1. The causes of the breach;
- 20 2. The total scope of the breach;

21 3. Why the University of Washington took more than sixty days to inform the
22 public;

23 4. The communication method with those impacted by the breach; and

24 5. Lessons learned to prevent future breaches from occurring again.

25 B. The commission shall be comprised of thirteen members appointed by the
26 executive and confirmed by the council by motion. Each councilmember shall provide
27 the executive with one potential nominee.

28 C. The commission shall issue its draft report by June 30, 2019. The draft report
29 shall be posted for public comment for a thirty days and may be presented in front of the
30 council's committee of the whole.

31 D. After the thirty-day public comment period, the report shall be finalized
32 within thirty additional days and transmitted to the executive and clerk of the council who
33 shall provide each member with a hard copy and electronic copy and shall also provide
34 copies to the council's chief of staff, chief policy officer and lead staff to the committee
35 of the whole, or its successor.