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Seattle Information and Technology Department (ITD)

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2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that Seattle Information Technology (Seattle IT) provide a series of reports on the usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI) across City departments, including pilot projects, integrations into existing technologies, and roadmaps for larger rollouts or distribution. The reports should also detail the financial costs for each of the AI initiatives (one-time and ongoing), any plans for partnerships, and significant lessons learned from prior testing and pilot projects.

The City has taken a deliberative approach to testing AI products over the past couple of years, and in 2024, Seattle IT established a strategy for the City to delay any major AI investments until late 2025 or early 2026. At this time, the majority of the AI initiatives have been cost-free or relatively inexpensive, resulting in the City having almost no ongoing AI liabilities.

Earlier this year, the City released its 2025–2026 AI Plan, which provides a guide for transitioning from an AI exploration phase into the strategic implementation of AI technologies. The Mayor has also established an IT Subcabinet AI Workgroup to steer AI investments, which is intended to ensure that proposed investments are aligned with priorities set by the Mayor and the Council, meet security and privacy requirements, and produce value through improved service delivery.

The Council requests that Seattle IT submit quarterly AI reports to the Council committee with oversight of Information Technology. Seattle IT should work with the chair of the committee to determine whether the reports should be submitted as written reports or should be presentations to the committee.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Public Utilities & Technology

DUE DATE: April 1, 2026