WaTech's Automated Decision Systems Inventory — Washington State Finds 31, Then 129, ADS Among 8,000+ Agency Applications by Changing the Question

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Under a Governor's directive, WaTech added ADS questions to agencies' annual application inventory. A yes/no question flagged 31 of 6,125 apps in 2022; asking about personal data and decisions affecting people flagged 129 of 8,379 in 2023. WaTech called it preliminary.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-21

Washington Technology Solutions (WaTech), Office of the Chief Information Officer — accessed 2026-11-21

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