

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

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*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to Hearing Examiner filing fees; amending Section 3.02.125 of the Seattle Municipal Code to add exceptions for appeals from City action to enforce Chapter 14.07 (All Gender Single Occupant Restroom Requirements), Chapter 6.500 (Marijuana Business Regulations), Chapter 14.19 (Minimum Wage Ordinance), and Chapter 14.20 (Wage Theft Ordinance).

**Summary of the Legislation:**

The legislation would amend Section 3.02.125 to add exemptions from Hearing Examiner filing fees for appeals filed in City actions taken to enforce Chapter 14.07, concerning the requirements for all gender single occupant restrooms, Chapter 6.500, concerning marijuana business regulations, Chapter 14.19, concerning minimum wage requirements, and Chapter 14.20, concerning payment of compensation and tips owed to employees.

**Background:**

Subsection 3.02.125.A sets an \$85.00 filing fee for Hearing Examiner cases and lists the exceptions to that fee. Current exceptions include appeals from actions taken by the City to enforce certain Code requirements, such as appeals from Land Use Code citations (Chapter 23.91) and from SDOT citations (Chapter 15.91). The legislation would amend Subsection 3.02.125 to provide an exception from the standard Hearing Examiner filing fee for each of the following types of appeals:

- 1) Ordinance 124829, adopted in 2015, establishes requirements for single-occupant restrooms in places of public accommodation, and authorizes the Director of the Office for Civil Rights to enforce the ordinance through issuance of notices of violation, which may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner;
- 2) Ordinance 124807, adopted in 2015, establishes business license regulations for marijuana businesses, and authorizes the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to enforce the ordinance through issuance of citations, which may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner.
- 3) Ordinance 124490, adopted in 2014, establishes minimum wage and compensation rates for employees performing work in the City, and authorizes the Division Director of the Office of Labor Standards to enforce the ordinance through Director's Orders, which

may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner; and

4) Ordinance 124645, adopted in 2014, establishes requirements for payment of wage and tip compensation, and authorizes the Division Director of the Office of Labor Standards to enforce the ordinance through Director's Orders, which may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner.

Please check one:

- This legislation has direct financial implications.**
- This legislation does not have direct financial implications.**

**Other Implications:**

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**  
No
- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**  
No
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
No
- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No
- e) **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**  
No
- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No
- h) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**  
None/No
- i) **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion:**

**What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**

Not applicable

**j) Other Issues:**

Not applicable

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

None