

# 2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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DEEL	003	B	001

**Budget Action Title:** Proviso \$48,000 GF in DEEL for non-labor costs of opening child care classrooms

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

**Budget Action Description:**

This Council Budget Action would impose a proviso on the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) that restricts \$47,856 GF so that it may only be used to cover the non-labor operating costs for opening toddler child care classrooms primarily serving parents attending college, college faculty, and the surrounding community.

In addition to funding employee salaries, there are many costs associated with opening child care classrooms, including: licensing, food, equipment, office supplies, and personal protective equipment. The proviso restricts DEEL funding to assist a provider, such as North Seattle College, in opening on-campus child care classrooms, increasing the likelihood that parents attending college can complete a degree, certificate, or credential program.

The 2022 Proposed Budget includes \$47,856 of unneeded GF appropriations in DEEL's Early Learning Budget Summary Level due to a technical error. This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

"Of the General Fund appropriations in the 2022 budget for the Department of Education and Early Learning's Early Learning Budget Summary Level (BO-EE-IL100), \$47,856 is appropriated solely for the non-labor operating costs for opening toddler child care classrooms primarily serving parents attending college, college faculty, and the surrounding community and may be spent for no other purpose."