

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 authorizing the General Manager/CEO of Seattle Public Utilities to execute a memorandum of agreement between The City of Seattle and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for the transfer and curation of the Chester Morse Collection; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe (MIT) is requesting Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) transfer ownership of archaeological artifacts, specimens and associated records pertaining to the sites identified as the Chester Morse Lake Collection or 45-KI-25, 45-KI-27, 45-KI-29, 45-KI-30, 45-KI-31, 45-KI-32, 45-KI-298, 45-KI-299, and 45-KI-300 (“the Collection”) to the tribe. The Collection was obtained between 1986 and 1989 as part of the Cultural Resources Mitigation Plan developed for safety improvements to the Cedar Masonry Dam and construction of the Overflow Dike. The collection contains approximately 12,000 artifacts (projectile points, cores, cobble tools, flakes, fire-altered rock, etc.) representing over 9,400 years of human habitation around Chester Morse Lake. MIT desires to obtain, house and maintain the Collection, which holds historic and cultural significance for MIT and other tribes of the region.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

No

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

There is a potential for litigation if SPU does not transfer the Collection to the Tribe.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No
- c. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**
No
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No
- f. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**
This legislation would return archaeological artifacts to one of the tribes known to have inhabited the area for thousands of years prior to the City of Seattle owning the land. The other tribes known to have inhabited the area have all been notified of SPU's intent to transfer the Collection to MIT and have been given the opportunity to comment or raise concerns. No tribes have provided comments or raised concerns.
- g. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**
No

List attachments/exhibits below: