

Amendment 2 to CB 119607: Reimbursement threshold v2

Sponsor: Councilmember Herbold

Description:

This would amend CB 119607 to request that the Office of Sustainability and Environment assess the viability of increasing the number of low-income households that use oil heat eligible for the \$120 annual reimbursement to all households at or below 80 percent area median income.

Notes:

Double underlines indicate new language to be added.

~~Double strikethroughs~~ indicate language proposed to be removed.

Amendments

Amend Section 15 of Council Bill 119607, as follows:

Section 15. The Council requests that the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE):

A. Provide a status update on outreach efforts to date regarding the new heating oil tax by July 1, 2020. The update should include the number of households contacted; any changes in the number of low-income households with oil heat enrolled in the City’s Utility Discount Program following outreach efforts; a summary of feedback received during outreach efforts, including a description of challenges encountered during the outreach process; and proposed strategies for overcoming these challenges, if applicable; and

B. Report annually on Heating Oil Tax program status, and collaborate with the Office of Economic Development, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, and the Office of Housing to determine a methodology to assess the following potential impacts of the Heating Oil Tax:

1. Job losses, gains, and retention in the Seattle area’s home heating, ventilation, and air conditioning industry, with a focus on workers represented by labor unions and family-

wage jobs, and what additional investments are necessary to support workers in the event of net job losses; and

2. Rates of conversion from oil heating systems to electric systems in homes occupied by renters enrolled in the Utility Discount Program, including identifying who is paying the costs of conversion and whether additional measures are necessary to alleviate the costs if renters are overly burdened.

3. Analysis of the viability to extend the heating oil tax reimbursement to households whose income is between 70 percent state median income and 80 percent area median income.

OSE is requested to report to Council by July 1, 2021, and every year thereafter up to 2028.