

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board; revising the designated member representation of the Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board to include representatives of the services industry, major institutions, and the Fire Fighters and Fire Chiefs labor unions; creating a new Subchapter V in Chapter 3.16 of the Seattle Municipal Code consisting of new Sections 3.16.300, 3.16.310, 3.16.320, 3.16.330, 3.16.340, 3.16.350 and 3.16.360; all by amending Ordinance 119799.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation creates Board Member positions for representatives of the services industry and major institutions like universities and hospitals, and creates formal non-voting ex-officio positions for representatives of the Fire Fighters and Fire Chiefs labor unions.

**Background:**

The City Council created the Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board (FCAB) over five decades ago to provide local industry, labor, and the public a voice in the fire code provisions that affect them. FCAB Board Members play a key role in helping the Fire Marshal define local Seattle amendments to the international fire code.

This Council Bill proposes the first restructuring of the FCAB since 1999. As Seattle's economy has matured, and as international fire code has developed, major institutions like hospitals and universities, and broadly-defined service industry businesses including retail, night clubs, and restaurants, have become more impacted by fire code requirements. In addition, Firefighters and Fire Chiefs have always been impacted by the Fire Code because its provisions directly impact safety on the fire ground, however they have not had a formal role on the Fire Code Advisory Board.

The proposed Council Bill would provide these industries and labor unions a role on the FCAB, to ensure that the Fire Marshal receives input from the full array of stakeholders that are impacted by the Seattle Fire Code.

Because City employees are prohibited from serving on boards and commissions in a voting capacity, the Firefighters and Fire Chiefs representatives would serve in a non-voting, ex officio capacity.

Please check one of the following:

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

**This legislation has financial implications.**

**Other Implications:**

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**  
Local Seattle amendments to international fire code will continue to benefit from input from a full array of stakeholders.
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**  
None.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
No.
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**  
None.
- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
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) **Other Issues:**  
None.

**List attachments to the fiscal note below:**

None.