

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that SPR report on how to improve water safety and Parks Code enforcement

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Ann Gorman

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) coordinate an interdepartmental workgroup to scope a Citywide plan to (a) improve and maintain water safety according to aquatics best practices and (b) increase compliance with the Parks Code in parks, on shorelines, and on the portions of waterways where the City has jurisdiction. This plan should analyze and take into account the impacts that global warming has had and will continue to have on recreational practices. To develop the plan, SPR should work with the Seattle Fire Department (SFD), the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), and any other departments with input into the area of study.

Council requests that the plan include:

- (1) An inventory of all current SPR recreational programming that supports water safety and an estimate of the number of people annually served by it;
- (2) An inventory of the number and FTE of City positions that support water safety and/or Parks Code compliance in some capacity and the estimated proportion of time that each one is focused on these bodies of work;
- (3) An analysis of the additional programming and water safety/compliance staff that SPR believes would be responsive to current and forecasted recreational practices, and the estimated cost of such hypothetical investment;
- (4) An analysis of how the need for water-safety staff varies seasonally, based on available data; and
- (5) Any relevant contextual information that is based on SPR's experience developing and staffing water-safety programs.

The report should be submitted to the Chair of the Public Assets and Native Communities Committee, or successor committee, and the Central Staff Director by June 30, 2022.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

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Public Assets & Native Communities

Date Due to Council:

June 30, 2022