

# 2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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**Budget Action Title:** Request that the City Budget Office (CBO) report on the Community Service Officer (CSO) program

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## Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the City Budget Office (CBO)'s Office of Innovation and Performance Management and the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide a report to the Public Safety & Human Services Committee, or successor committee, about whether it is feasible for the Community Service Officer (CSO) program to (a) take on, as a body of work, response to certain 9-1-1 calls that a call taker has determined do not involve criminal or potentially criminal activity and (b) prioritize work that is initiated through the public safety response system. This SLI requests that CBO and SPD work with community stakeholders to prepare the report. The report should include:

(1) Recommendations about whether CSO duties can/should be expanded to include response to non-criminal 9-1-1 calls, including administrative calls for service such as taking accident reports or certain other clerical calls that would not require interaction with individuals in crisis;

(2) Recommendations about whether the CSO program should focus on activities that directly alleviate the workload of SPD 9-1-1 response officers, such as assisting with the Crisis Solutions referral process, including transportation as needed; helping to locate missing persons, including children; and/or facilitating "warm handoffs" to community service partners such as the Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) program; and

(3) An analysis of these proposed expanded functions of the CSO program in terms of whether the program is housed in SPD or another City department and a recommendation to this effect that considers community input and priorities.

## Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2022