

## **SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE**

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### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE related to the Seattle Preschool Program; approving a Comprehensive Evaluation Strategy as required by Resolution 31527.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:**

In November 2014, Seattle voters passed a \$58.3 million levy lid lift to provide high-quality preschools for Seattle families. This proposed legislation approves a Seattle Preschool Program Comprehensive Evaluation Strategy as required by Section 3 of Resolution 31527. The Comprehensive Evaluation Strategy for the Seattle Preschool Program, attached to this Council Bill, includes a detailed plan for ensuring the Seattle Preschool Program engages in continuous quality improvement both in relation to program infrastructure and processes and in relation to program impacts on children's kindergarten readiness.

Third Sector Intelligence Inc., a team of independent evaluation experts, is preparing two reports related to this legislation. One is entitled "Seattle Preschool Program Recommended Comprehensive Evaluation Strategy," and the other is entitled "A Technical Report for the City of Seattle: A review of the evidence on preschool programs and a comparison of selected state and city programs." The Technical Report provides a review of the evidence on preschool programs and a comparison of selected state and city programs. These two reports will be submitted as separate Clerk Files.

### **2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

N/A This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

### **3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

(Note: appropriations for Levy programs will be made during the City's annual budget process or by separate legislation if necessary.)

### **4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?

N/A

- b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**  
By not implementing this legislation, the requirement stated in Section 3 of Resolution 31527 will not be met.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
N/A
- d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No.
- e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No.
- f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No.
- g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**  
The Seattle Preschool Program is designed to improve outcomes and opportunities for historically disadvantaged communities by providing high-quality preschools. High-quality preschool has been shown to be a powerful tool in creating educational equity. The Department of Education and Early Learning utilized the racial equity toolkit for the Comprehensive Evaluation Strategy and incorporated suggestions resulting from the analysis into the Strategy.
- h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**  
  
This information is included in the Seattle Preschool Program Plan, which has been submitted as a separate Clerk File.
- i) Other Issues:**  
None.

**List attachments below: N/A**