

# 2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Agenda

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**Budget Action Title:** Request that OSE establish high-road contracting standards for electrical contractors

Ongoing: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Mike O'Brien

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

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## Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Office of Sustainability (OSE) collaborate with the Office of Housing (OH) to establish high-road contracting standards for electric heat installers, as per the high-road standards and practices established by Resolution 31232 in 2010. Between 2010 and 2014, OSE administered a federally-funded Community Power Works program that offered loans and rebates for eligible energy efficiency improvements to homes. For this program, OSE developed a Community High-Road Agreement (HRA) workforce agreement focused on providing good jobs, equitable access, and quality work. The HRA encouraged living-wage jobs with benefits, training opportunities, and safety guarantees; ensured that all types of businesses and workers, including those in historically underrepresented groups, had access to the program's economic opportunities; and included quality assurance mechanisms to promote high-quality energy efficiency improvements.

The City has set a goal of converting all homes heated by oil to electric heat or to a modern tank by 2029 and is funding the conversion of oil heat systems to electric systems for eligible low-income households using the proceeds from the Heating Oil Tax, enacted by Ordinance 125934. The conversions will be administered by OH. OSE and OH should set up conditions for an HRA with electric heat installers contracted for these conversions. Additionally, OSE should explore the possibility of creating a list of electrical contractors who are willing to agree to an HRA and determine if the City can prioritize these contractors for City-funded projects.

OSE should submit a report to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, or successor committee, the Council Central Staff Executive Director, and the Green New Deal Oversight Board by June 30, 2020.

## Responsible Council Committee(s):

Sustainability & Transportation

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2020