

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that SDCI convene a small landlord and tenant stakeholder group

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) convene a staff and stakeholder group to advise the City on regulatory and rental market challenges for small landlords and their tenants.

The group should consist of no more than seven members plus a moderator, who is an SDCI supervisor, and must also include: (1) two SDCI employees who either administer regulations applicable to landlords or provide services to tenants; (2) at least one landlord that rents three or fewer units; and (2) at least one member of a tenant advocacy organization, such as the Tenants Union.

The group should propose a definition of "small landlord," estimate the population of small landlords with units in Seattle, make findings about how current regulations and market trends impact small landlords and their tenants, and identify whether those impacts are disparate.

SDCI should report to the Finance & Housing Committee, or its successor, by July 5, 2022.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Finance & Housing

Date Due to Council: July 5, 2022