

2021 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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SDCI	005	A	001

Budget Action Title: Report by SDCI on transferable rental histories

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections report to the Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee on (1) a proposed design for an administrative structure and (2) an estimate of associated costs for the City to maintain transferable rental history background check reports.

The information in the report would inform legislation establishing a structure to allow rental histories to be transferrable. This would allow prospective tenants who have paid for a background check to reuse the results for each house or apartment for which they make an application. It would also allow the City to set policy for what is and is not acceptable content for a background check. For example, the Council may choose to allow renters to remove attempted evictions that were not upheld by the court from their rental histories.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Sustainability & Renters' Rights

Date Due to Council: April 1, 2021