

## SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\*

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\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.

### 1. BILL SUMMARY

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2018 Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy; amending the levy implementation and evaluation plan adopted by Ordinance 125807; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** This ordinance amends the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy Implementation & Evaluation Plan (Plan). The legislation amends the Early Learning Investment Area to align Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) policies with other equivalent county, state, or federally sponsored programs in three instances: (1) granting DEEL authority to modify the SPP tuition sliding scale metric used to calculate family contributions, (2) allowing for early SPP enrollment for children with IEPs, and (3) allowing for early SPP enrollment for children enrolled in federal Head Start or Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP).

In addition, the legislation updates the Early Learning Investment Area evaluation table to reflect timeline changes due to COVID-19 disruptions, as well as DEEL's intent to offer SPP in the summer to mitigate learning loss. The legislation also includes an amendment to the K-12 Investment Area's Homelessness and Housing strategy to allow FEPP Funds to support the basic needs of students facing housing emergencies such as food, clothing and transportation to and from school and academic or other enrichment activities. This legislation does not amend the 2022 Adopted Budget.

### 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?**       Yes  No

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

**Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?**       Yes  No

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

This legislation does not change the 2022 adopted budget. This legislation will not modify FEPP spending plans.

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

There is no financial cost to the City for failing to implement this legislation. The Early Learning Investment Area amendments have fiscal benefit to SPP providers and families, and

the K-12 Homelessness and Housing amendment to expand allowable uses of FEPP funds will benefit unstably housed families and students.

The policy changes related to SPP early learning benefit providers by increasing their financial compensation. SPP providers with classrooms that serve children concurrently enrolled in SPP, Head Start, and ECEAP will receive additional payment and access to resources from DEEL for Head Start/ECEAP-enrolled children that they were previously ineligible for. The benefit to DEEL, is that SPP children who are also enrolled in Head Start/ECEAP will cost the City less per slot than the traditional SPP participant.

With respect to students with IEPs, early enrollment does not present a financial benefit unless the family is below 94% SMI. Without this amendment, young three-year-olds with IEPs would be ineligible for the Seattle Public Schools-SPP Plus inclusive preschool classroom model. As a result of this policy change, children allowed to enroll in SPP Plus upon turning three years old will receive an additional 20 hours a week of high-quality, inclusive preschool.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
No.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No.
- c. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No.
- d. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No.
- e. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**
- f. The objective of the FEPP Levy is to partner with families and communities to achieve educational equity, close opportunity gaps, and build a better economic future for Seattle students. This legislation will advance this goal by expanding early eligibility for SPP to students currently enrolled in Head Start or ECEAP, or who have IEPs. Further, this legislation allows for continuity of care and reduces administrative barriers to SPP by aligning metrics with the state child care subsidy program, Working Connections Child Care. Further, expanding the eligible uses of funds for the K-12 Homelessness and Housing strategy will allow for funding to address additional barriers to accessing education and academic supports faced by students facing housing instability. DEEL will continue to utilize translation, interpretation, and relationships with community-based partners to promote FEPP funded resources and services to heritage language speakers and immigrant/refugee communities.

**g. Climate Change Implications**

**1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

No.

**2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

No.

**h. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

N/A.

**Summary Attachments:**

Summary Attachment 1 – Levy Oversight Committee Recommendation Letter

Summary Attachment 2 – Seattle Preschool Program 2022-23 Tuition Sliding Fee Scale – SMI  
Estimated Annual School Year Tuition