

2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that OED identify strategies and resources necessary to support workers during a recession

Ongoing: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Abel Pacheco

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Office of Economic Development (OED) assess the types of strategies and amount of funding that would be needed to support residents experiencing unemployment and underemployment in the event of a recession. This assessment should include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) examples of strategies that have effectively alleviated unemployment and underemployment in other cities similar to Seattle; (2) anticipated impacts of a recession on employment in Seattle, with a specific focus on populations that would be disproportionately impacted; (3) identification of existing programs that could be expanded and/or new programs that could be created to support job/entrepreneurial training and education as well as small business development, prioritizing programs that would assist those most vulnerable to the impacts of a recession; and (4) estimated costs of expanding or creating these programs.

OED should submit a report to the Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee, or successor committee, and the Council Central Staff Executive Director, by March 31, 2020.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development & Arts

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2020