

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Dept. Contact/Phone:	CBO Contact/Phone:
Seattle City Light	Aliza Seelig/ 684-8458 Joy Liechty/ 615-1102	Greg Shiring /386-4085

** 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: A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; acknowledging and approving the 2020 Integrated Resource Plan Progress Report as conforming with the public policy objectives of The City of Seattle and the requirements of the State of Washington; and approving the Progress Report for the biennium September 2018 through August 2020.

Summary and background of the Legislation: City Light’s 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Progress Report continues to emphasize “conservation first” as its foundation. The Progress Report states that investments in conservation remain the first and best resource choice as the most environmentally responsible way to meet growing energy demands, resource adequacy and 100 percent carbon free regulations. It also provides a low-cost way to meet the Washington Energy Independence Act. For the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan Update, City Light will develop a 10-year Clean Energy Action Plan that outlines the steps the utility will take to maintain greenhouse gas neutrality, maintain equitable access to clean and affordable energy, and make progress towards being greenhouse gas free by 2045 to conform with the 2019 Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act. The 2020 IRP Progress Report was informed by the participation of internal and external stakeholders. The proposed Resolution approves the 2020 Integrated Resource Plan Progress Report for the biennium September 2018 through August 2020.

The 2020 IRP Progress Report was developed under the Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 19.280 which mandates Integrated Resource Planning every two years. City Light has requested and received permission from the Washington State Department of Commerce to delay its completion of an updated IRP and instead complete an IRP Progress Report (the IRP would have been due on September 1, 2020). In addition to this one-time deviation from normal practice, the Department of Commerce also granted permission to extend the transmittal to City Council until December 31, 2020. City Light’s decision to request this change was due both to the need to effectively incorporate and communicate provisions of the recently passed Clean Energy Transformation Act, and to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Utilities within the state of Washington must develop comprehensive resource plans that meet their customers’ electricity needs in the short and long term. Seattle City Light is required to file an Integrated Resource Plan, which is either a Progress Report, due every two years, or an updated Integrated Resource Plan due every four years. Progress Reports reflect

changing conditions and developments, whereas Integrated Resource Plans are comprehensive resource plans that explain the mix of generation and demand-side resources that the utility plans to use to meet their customers' electricity needs over the period covered in the plan.

In accordance with RCW 19.280, the 2020 IRP Progress Report requires the approval by the consumer-owned utilities' governing board after public notice and hearing and subsequent filing with the State of Washington Department of Commerce by March 31, 2021. A resolution to adopt the 2018 Integrated Resource Plan Progress Report was passed by the Seattle City Council in September 2018.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X 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?
No.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
The adoption of this resolution ensures that City Light meets the requirements of RCW 19.280.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
Yes. RCW 19.280.050 requires the utility's governing body to approve the Progress Report after it has provided public notice and hearing.
- 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?**

This resolution describes a path for how City Light plans to meet its future power generation needs over the next 20 years and explains recent changes in conditions. When deciding how to implement plans City Light will continue to organize its plans and offer services to vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities consistent with City policy.

f. Climate Change Implications

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

This resolution does not materially change Seattle's carbon emissions. City Light is explaining its plans to continue to serve customers with greenhouse gas neutral power, and how it will be developing a new plan to describe progress towards providing greenhouse gas free power by 2045.

- 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.**

This resolution does not materially change Seattle's ability to adapt to climate change.

- g. 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)?**

This is not a new initiative or major programmatic expansion; this effort is consistent with Seattle City Light's commitment to serve our customers with safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible electric service.

List attachments/exhibits below: