

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Proviso funding for Creative Industry position in OED

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on funding in the Office of Economic Development (OED) for a position that was intended to support policy development and implementation of strategies related to the creative industries. In the 2022 Proposed Budget, OED would repurpose: (1) the Creative Industry Director position to serve as the Division Director who would oversee OED's main lines of business; and (2) the Creative Industry Policy Advisor to serve as the Creative Industry Manager whose responsibilities would include policy development, implementation, and management of the Creative Industry Team (5.0 FTE). These changes would diminish staff capacity to support the creative industries.

The intent of this proviso is to ensure that OED maintains a dedicated staff position that can lead policy development and implementation of strategies related to the creative industries. OED is currently in the process of updating its creative industry strategy in response to the pandemic and anticipates completion of a Creative Sector Action Plan in December 2021.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"None of the money appropriated in the 2022 budget in the Office of Economic Development may be spent for the Creative Industry Manager position until the Chair of the Council's Community Economic Development Committee, or successor committee, files a certification with the City Clerk that the Office of Economic Development has provided the following: (1) Office of Economic Development's Creative Sector Action Plan and (2) description of how the Office of Economic Development will reorganize so that this position can focus solely on policy development and implementation related to the creative industries and not be responsible for staff management."