

2019 - 2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Request that the Office of the Mayor submit a report on fixed-mobile CHEL site selection

Ongoing: No

Primary Sponsor: Sawant, Kshama

Councilmembers:

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This statement of legislative intent (SLI) requests the Office of the Mayor (MO) to submit a report identifying a location for a Community Health Engagement Location (CHEL). A CHEL is a location at which people with substance use disorders can consume narcotics in a supervised location and have access to key health and social services, including medical care, needle exchange, health promotion, behavioral health treatment, and other services.

The Council appropriated \$1,300,000 in 2018 to Finance General to open and operate a CHEL; the City Budget Office has indicated that the funding is anticipated to remain unspent in 2018, and that these appropriations will carry-forward to 2019 for the same purpose, subject to the Council's approval through future budget legislation. The Executive reported to the Health, Housing, Energy and Workers' Rights Committee on June 7, 2018, that no City-owned properties are viable or appropriate for siting a CHEL, and that, furthermore, King County has indicated that none of its properties located within the city are available for consideration. For these reasons, the Executive is pursuing a fixed-mobile site CHEL model. A mobile-fixed site CHEL would render services through a modified medical van for supervised consumption and an adjoining service area providing the other services. The report should include identification of potential fixed-mobile CHEL site locations and timeline for setup and operations.

The report should be submitted to the Chair of the Housing, Health, Energy and Workers' Rights Committee and the Central Staff Executive Director by March 1, 2019.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee

Date Due to Council: March 1, 2019