

# 2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Agenda

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CBO	100	A	1

**Budget Action Title:** Pass CB 119681 CBO SBT Fund Policies Amendment Ordinance

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

Council Bill or Resolution: CB 119681

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
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**Budget Action Description:**

This Budget Action recommends passage of Council Bill (C.B.) 119681, amending the financial policies regarding the use of Sweetened Beverage Tax (SBT) revenues. This C.B. would:

1. Add an exemption from the prohibition against using SBT revenues to replace other funding sources in the case of existing program expenditures that were previously supported by non-City revenues, such as grants, gifts, and loans; and
2. Add an optional use of revenues to be held in fund balance, up to \$2,000,000, for the sole purpose of supporting existing program expenditures when revenues decline below base program expenditure authority.

These changes are intended to protect against future revenue declines and encourage City departments to seek non-City funding (e.g., grants and other outside funding) to expand existing programs or create new programs that align with SBT financial policies.