2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Impose a proviso on Finance General Reserves for LAW's staffing of a case conferencing pilot

Ongoing: No   Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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	Yes	0									
	No	0									
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Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

"None of the money appropriated in the 2020 Budget in Finance General Reserves may be spent on a case conferencing pilot for high-barrier individuals until the Mayor's Office has presented an analysis and detailed implementation plan to the Chair of the committee with jurisdiction over public safety. The analysis and plan should be developed in conjunction with the City Attorney's Office, the Criminal Justice Equity Team, and communities most impacted by the criminal legal system and should include: a discussion of whether and how the pilot aligns with the reentry recommendations, a description of unintended consequences and plan to mitigate them, proposed metrics of success, a racial equity analysis, and how the program will be taken to scale."

Background:

The Mayor's 2020 Proposed Budget includes $2.9M in Finance General Reserves for four pilots proposed by the High-Barrier Individuals Working Group that are intended to address high-barrier individuals and their involvement in the criminal justice system. Of this amount, $149,500 is intended to support an Assistant City Prosecutor in the City Attorney's Office (LAW) to provide dedicated staffing to case conferencing about high-barrier individuals. It is anticipated that the position would be added to LAW when the supporting funds are transferred out of Finance General Reserves. The proviso in this Council Budget Action restricts all spending that would support the case conferencing pilot.