

2023 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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DEEL	301	A	002-2023

Budget Action Title: Request that DEEL provide draft legislation for Council consideration to prioritize enrollment in the Seattle Promise program

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	SN
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) provide draft legislation for the Council's consideration to prioritize enrollment in the Seattle Promise program, consistent with the priorities established in the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy Implementation & Evaluation (I&E) Plan. Council requests that DEEL present the draft legislation to the FEPP Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) and seek the LOC's recommendation on a proposed prioritization model prior to submitting draft legislation to the Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights and Culture Committee.

DEEL currently expects enrollment in the 2022-2023 school year to exceed initial projections by 388 students, with projected enrollment in the following three school years to exceed projections by approximately 500 students each year. The FEPP Levy I&E Plan states: "In the event that demand for Seattle Promise tuition supports exceed supply, tuition funds will be prioritized for low-income, first-generation (i.e. students who are first in their family to attend college), and/or African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander, underserved Asian populations, other students of color, refugee and immigrant, homeless, English language learners, and LGBTQ students. In collaboration with Seattle Colleges, DEEL will collect and analyze Promise Student enrollment, persistence, and completion trends to better understand how FEPP-funds are being utilized. DEEL and the Colleges will use this analysis to inform the further refinement of a student prioritization mechanism that responds to Seattle student and family needs, and promotes equitable access to post-secondary opportunity."

The Council requests that DEEL provide the draft legislation to the Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights and Culture Committee by June 1, 2023.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights, and Culture Committee

Date Due to Council: June 1, 2023

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