

2023 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that HSD provide a report on contracting with human services providers

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 (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) provide a report on contracting with human services providers.

In 2019, Council passed Ordinance (ORD) 125865 requiring HSD to provide annual inflationary adjustments for contracts with human services providers and submit a report evaluating this requirement to the Council by March 31, 2022. The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget includes funds for an inflationary adjustment for HSD contracts that is less than the amount required by ORD 125865 and budget legislation that would cap the inflationary adjustment at a 4.0 percent increase.

In consideration of HSD's workload and the proposed changes to the required inflationary adjustments, this SLI would provide HSD with more time to submit the report required by ORD 125865 and request additional information.

Consistent with ORD 125865, the report should address:

- Impacts of the required annual inflationary adjustments on the City of Seattle's (City's) budget and contracted service providers' financial stability, employee wages and retention, and provision of services;
- Evaluation of the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Metropolitan Area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, termed CPI-W, as a measure of changes in service providers' cost of providing services; and
- Recommendations for changes, if any, to regulations requiring annual inflationary adjustments.

The report should also address:

- Findings and recommendations of HSD's comparable worth wage analysis of human services work, being conducted by the University of Washington (City 2022 Adopted Budget, CBA HSD-002-B-001);
- Findings and recommendations of the Homeless Service Providers workforce study by the Washington State Department of Commerce (State 2022 Supplemental Operating Budget, ESSB 5693-Section 128);
- Recommendations for strategies to address the staffing shortage among service providers; and
- Recommendations for potential funding sources to increase service providers wages.

In developing the report, HSD should create a team of key partners and human service providers and

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advocates that includes the Office of Housing, King County, Seattle Human Services Coalition, Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, and King County Regional Homelessness Authority.

HSD should submit the report to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director by June 20, 2023.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety and Human Services

Date Due to Council:

June 20, 2023