

2023 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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HSD	301	A	001-2023

Budget Action Title: Request that HSD provide a quarterly report on activities responding to unsheltered homelessness

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Andrew Lewis

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Amy Gore

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 quarterly report to City Council that provides basic performance metrics of the Unified Care Team (UCT), or its successor, and the collaborating departments and agencies that manage the City's response to un-sanctioned encampments. This report would be similar to what was provided by HSD as requested by HOM-018-A-001 in 2022. These reports would ensure consistent reporting to the public by HSD, the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), other departments (as applicable), and contracted homelessness outreach providers to assess the outcomes and efficacy of responses to unsheltered homelessness. Reports should be submitted by January 31, April 30, July 31, and November 17, 2023. The report due January 31, 2023 should cover activities conducted from October 1 through December 31, 2022.

The metrics to report on would convey the performance in the following areas:

- 1) Number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who were engaged and connected to services;
- 2) Number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who were engaged and connected to safer spaces, including permanent housing, enhanced shelter, basic shelter, tiny home villages, or motel/hotel rooms;
- 3) Number of people declining referrals to shelter or housing and, if possible, their stated reason for declining referral;
- 4) Number of people living in an encampment who are displaced during encampment removals or resolutions; and
- 5) Number of hazardous and unsafe conditions stemming from, and found within, unauthorized encampments and any actions taken to address them

HSD should submit the reports to the Chair of the Public Assets and Homelessness Committee with a copy provided to the Central Staff Director, and copy filed with the City Clerk.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Assets and Homelessness

Date Due to Council:

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