

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

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*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION expressing the City’s support for an effective, countywide safe prescription drug disposal program, including controlled substances, and requesting local pharmacies and the Seattle Police Department to install drug disposal drop-boxes across the City.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:**

In June 2015, the University of Washington (UW) Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute reported that drug-caused deaths involving heroin and/or methamphetamine peaked in King County in 2014, including a 58 percent increase in heroin deaths. A 2013 study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration indicated that four out of five recent heroin users previously used opioid pain relievers such as oxycodone. Research suggests that these individuals switched to heroin because it is less expensive in the illegal marketplace than opioid pain relievers.

One component of a comprehensive public health approach to addressing drug abuse is the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, including narcotics. Per a Drug Enforcement Agency rule, police departments and pharmacies may provide safe disposal boxes for controlled substances like OxyContin, Vicodin, Valium, and Ritalin. King County is launching a new effort to enhance safe prescription drug disposal efforts and a stewardship organization retained by King County will be providing funding for installation of drop-boxes, staff training, and collection of the drugs.

This resolution requests the police department and encourages pharmacies across the City to participate in the provision of safe disposal boxes. It also encourages other City agencies to help promote this program and ensure it remains culturally relevant and accessible for marginalized populations.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**\_\_\_\_\_ This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.**  
 (If box is checked, please attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page.)

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Project I.D.:</b>	<b>Project Location:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Please check one:

- This legislation has direct financial implications.** (If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the “Other Implications” section.)
- This legislation does not have direct financial implications.**  
(Please skip to “Other Implications” section at the end of the document and answer questions a-i.)

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**  
No
- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**  
Society bears ongoing costs associated with prescription drug abuse and subsequent abuse of other types of narcotics.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
If it participates in the program, there would be a de minimus effect on SPD staffing resources. SPD will need to take full bins to their evidence room until the County’s selected provider arranges for the pick-up of the bins.
- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No
- e) **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**  
No
- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No
- h) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**  
Drop-boxes in police precincts will not be seen as accessible for communities who view the police with distrust, which is why the emphasis on community pharmacy locations is paramount. As of drafting, there were fewer pharmacies committed to this program in SE Seattle, where there are greater percentages of vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. Raising the profile of this program could lead to greater participation from pharmacies in all parts of the city.
- i) **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program’s desired goals.**  
NA

**j) Other Issues:**

**List attachments/exhibits below:**