

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: AN ORDINANCE related to the operation of open-air tour vehicles; creating a new Chapter 15.66 in the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Section 15.91.002 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: If passed, this legislation would prohibit open-air tour vehicle operators from engaging in tour narration or entertainment while the vehicle is in motion on a public street, road or highway in Seattle.

Providing tour narration or entertainment while driving is a distraction. Distracted driving increases the risk of injury or death. The dangers of distracted driving are more likely to be magnified by the operation of an open-air tour vehicle where the driver entertains and interacts with people inside and outside of the tour vehicle. The risk of injury is significant in such a vehicle due to its size, number of passengers, and other physical characteristics.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

 This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

 X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

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?**
The goal is to reduce the chance of traffic accidents and injury caused by distracted driving in open-air tour vehicles; not implementing the legislation would mean that the risk of such accidents would not be reduced.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
The Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Police Department, City Attorney's Office and Seattle Municipal Court could potentially be involved in the course of

enforcement of this legislation which carries civil or criminal penalties.

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?

No.

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.

Public safety would be increased by decreasing distracted driving behaviors in open-air tour buses that could contribute to accidents.

j) Other Issues:

None

List attachments/exhibits below:

N/A