

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 relating to taxation; imposing an employee hours tax; adding a new Chapter 5.38 to Title 5 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 5.30.010, 5.55.010, 5.55.040, 5.55.060, 5.55.150, 5.55.165, 5.55.220, and 5.55.230 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

In 2007, the City of Seattle imposed an Employee Hours Tax to support transportation investments. The tax included exemptions for businesses whose employees commuted by mass transit, bicycle, or walking. The tax was repealed at the end of 2009.

This legislation would re-establish the Employee Hours Tax at \$100 per full-time equivalent employee as a general taxation measure. The legislation includes an exemption for businesses with a taxable gross income of \$5,000,000 or less and certain other businesses as defined by state law. The tax would go into effect on January 1, 2019.

The tax is anticipated to generate \$25 million annually, beginning in 2019. The tax will be administered by the Department of Finance and Administrative Services; it is anticipated that appropriations and position authority to administer this tax will be provided in the 2018 budget or in subsequent budget legislation.

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.)

Project Name:	Project I.D.:	Project Location:	Start Date:	End Date:	Total Cost:

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.)

Budget program(s) affected:	FAS			
Estimated \$ Appropriation change:	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Estimated \$ Revenue change:	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Other departments affected:				

This legislation is anticipated to generate \$25 million per year, beginning in 2019. No appropriations, revenues, or position changes are included in this legislation.

3.a. Appropriations

_____ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.
 (If this box is checked, please complete this section. If this box is not checked, please proceed to Revenues/Reimbursements.)

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/#*	2017 Appropriation Change	2018 Estimated Appropriation Change
TOTAL				

**See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.*
 (This table should reflect appropriations that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the project/programs associated with this ordinance had, or will have, appropriations in other legislation please provide details in the Appropriation Notes section below. If the appropriation is not completely supported by revenue/reimbursements listed below, please identify the funding source (e.g. available fund balance) to cover this appropriation in the notes section. Also indicate if the legislation changes appropriations one-time, ongoing, or both.)

Appropriations Notes: No appropriations are included in this legislation. Appropriations would be included in the 2018 Budget or subsequent budget legislation.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

_____ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.
 (If this box is checked, please complete this section. If this box is not checked, please proceed to Positions.)

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2017 Revenue	2018 Estimated Revenue
TOTAL				

(This table should reflect revenues/reimbursements that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the issues/projects associated with this ordinance/resolution have revenues or reimbursements that were, or will be, received because of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below. Do the revenue sources have match requirements? If so, what are they?)

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes: No revenues are included in this legislation. Revenues would be included in the 2018 Budget or subsequent budget legislation.

3.c. Positions

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.
 (If this box is checked, please complete this section. If this box is not checked, please proceed to Other Implications.)

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation, Including FTE Impact:

Position # for Existing Positions	Position Title & Department*	Fund Name & #	Program & BCL	PT/FT	2017 Positions	2017 FTE	Does it sunset? (If yes, explain below in Position Notes)
TOTAL							

* List each position separately

(This table should only reflect the actual number of positions created by this legislation. In the event that positions have been, or will be, created as a result of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below.)

Position Notes: No position changes are included in this legislation. Position changes would be included in the 2018 Budget or in subsequent budget legislation.

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?

(If yes, explain here.)

The change in tax burden may affect the future growth of economic activity in the city.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

(Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs or consequences.)

No.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

(If so, please list the affected department(s) and the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc.), and indicate which staff members in the other department(s) are aware of the proposed legislation.)

Finance and Administrative Services would be responsible for administrating the tax.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

(If yes, what public hearing(s) have been held to date, and/or what public hearing(s) are planned for the future?)

No

e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

(If yes, please describe the measures taken to comply with RCS 64.06.080.)

No

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

(For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.)

No

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

(If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.)

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?

(If yes, please explain how this legislation may impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. Using the racial equity toolkit is one way to help determine the legislation's impact on certain 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.

(This answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.)

No

j) Other Issues: None

List attachments/exhibits below: None