2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Pass C.B. 119125; HSD Results Based Accountability contracting

Ongoing: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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Council Bill or Resolution: C.B. 119125

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Budget Action description:

This green sheet recommends passage of Council Bill (C.B.) 119125 relating to contracting by the Human Services Department (HSD). This bill would change the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) to require HSD to:

- Utilize Results Based Accountability (RBA) in making human service investments;
- Inform strategies for human services programs with evidence-based practice supported by experimental or culturally responsive evidence;
- Ensure competitive processes for contracts include measurable performance indicators and that contracts are then measured for performance, based on specific and measurable outcomes; and
- Provide updates to the City Council on RBA implementation in human services programs.

The bill would also give the HSD Director discretion to waive these requirements under certain circumstances, such as when sole sourcing, seeking innovative or new programming, or meeting federal or other grant requirements.

Since 2013, HSD has been incorporating Results Based Accountability (RBA) into its service investments strategies for contracts. RBA is a strategic tool used to measure contract outputs against desired results with an eye towards achieving ultimate outcomes, such as ensuring all people are able to age in place, or all people are free from gender-based violence. This legislation would codify HSD's usage of RBA, making it a requirement. The legislation is a Council-generated alternative to a bill proposed by the Mayor.

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