

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

- 1. Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION opposing a proposed liquefied natural gas facility in Tacoma, and urging the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to reject its permit application.
- 2. Summary and background of the Legislation:** This is a resolution opposing a proposed liquefied natural gas facility in Tacoma, and urging the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to reject its permit application. Puget Sound Energy (PSE), a for-profit company, has proposed and begun constructing a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility at the Port of Tacoma in the Tacoma Tideflats for the purpose of producing, storing, and distributing liquefied natural gas. Natural gas, like other fossil fuels, emits carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change when used as a fuel source, and leaks along the natural gas supply chain emit methane, a gas with 86 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

PSE began construction of the LNG facility without first obtaining the necessary approval by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), resulting in issuance of a Notice of Violation, number 3-008343, by the PSCAA in April 2017. The PSCAA is currently considering PSE's application for a permit to build and operate the LNG plant in Tacoma, and Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, represented by the Office of Sustainability and Environment, holds a seat on the Board of Directors of the PSCAA.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please fill out the table below and 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. If no, please delete the table.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?** ___ Yes ___ No

If there are no changes to appropriations, revenues, or positions, please delete the table below.

- b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

If so, describe the nature of the impacts. This could include increased operating and maintenance costs, for example.

No

c. 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.

The proposed LNG facility would expand the infrastructure that burns fossil fuels, contributing to climate change, which has far reaching impacts and externalized costs not clearly quantifiable.

If there are no changes to appropriations, revenues, or positions, please delete sections 3.d., 3.e., and 3.f. and answer the questions in Section 4.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. 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.).

No

b. 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/required in the future?

No

c. 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 RCW 64.06.080.

No

d. 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

e. 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

f. 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.

Climate change is an environmental justice issue having a disproportionate impact on vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).

This answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.

List attachments/exhibits below: