

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:** AN ORDINANCE relating to the Human Rights Code; adding Section 8 or other subsidy program administrators to the definition of person; clarifying the difference between reasonable accommodation and reasonable modification; broadening coverage of unfair practices from landlords to any person; and amending Sections 14.08.020 and 14.08.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code.
- 2. Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation was drafted in response to a Court of Appeals case, *Seattle Hous. Auth. v. City of Seattle*, 416 P.3d 1280 (2018), which held that SMC 14.08.040.D does not apply to the Seattle Housing Authority when acting in its capacity as a voucher administrator. In its opinion, the Court stated that if the City wanted to extend this unfair practice to voucher administrators, it could amend the SMC to do so. This legislation clarifies the classes of persons required to make reasonable accommodations to Section 8 or other subsidy program recipients.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

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.).

This legislation will affect the Seattle Office for Civil Rights, as they are the enforcing department for Title 14.08 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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?

This legislation will assist communities with disabilities by ensuring that reasonable accommodations are taken into account regardless of who is administering them.

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.

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below: