## **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 the City Light Department; granting authority for the Department to offer term-limited pilot programs to study demand response and low-income assistance programs.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** Authorizes City Light to offer small scale pilot programs for rate design research purposes. Participation in pilot programs will be completely optional for customers. Results from the pilot programs will help support successful design and implementation of future rate design options offered more widely to customers. Pilot programs will have defined objectives and evaluation criteria and last no longer than 36 months. The authority granted by this ordinance sunsets in 2028.

# 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? \_\_\_\_ Yes X\_ No

#### **3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes <u>\_\_\_\_</u> No

**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?** No

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

Pilot programs will help reduce the uncertainty associated with possible changes to retail rate design in the future, as well as provide useful information for communication and outreach purposes. Not implementing this legislation risks impeding the Department's ability to carry out its plan to stabilize long-term revenues through rate redesign.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department? No
- **b.** Is a public hearing required for this legislation? No

- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant? No
- **d.** Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation? No
- e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? 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? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

This legislation directs City Light to have recruitment strategies that target historically under represented populations.

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).

Each pilot program will have its own goals and evaluation criteria. Overall pilot programs are a way for City Light to gather information on customer behavior and preferences, as well as administrative and communication challenges which will inform the design and roll out of new rate structures.

List attachments/exhibits below:

None