

2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Agenda

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SPD	10	A	1

Budget Action Title: Request that SPD report on compliance with copper wire laws

Ongoing: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) report on the eight scrap metal recycling businesses in Seattle and their compliance with copper wire sales transactions and recordkeeping requirements established by RCW 19.290.020.

RCW 19.290.020 requires that every scrap metal business doing business in this state must create as part of each recycling transaction an accurate and legible record of each transaction involving private metal property or nonferrous metal property. The record must be open to the inspection of any commissioned law enforcement officer at all times during business hours and must be maintained wherever that business is conducted for five years following the date of the transaction.

SPD is requested to submit to the Chair of the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, New Americans and Education Committee (GESCNA-Ed) – or a successor Committee – and to the Director of Council’s Central Staff on March 31, 2020 a report that:

- (1) Indicates how SPD is responding to Council’s request to examine records of copper wire transfers;
- (2) Identifies steps that SPD is taking to ensure that metal recyclers are keeping accurate records of transactions and are taking action to deter purchase of stolen metals; and
- (3) Identifies financial or personnel related resources that are needed to ensure that SPD has what it needs to effectuate this Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) as well as SLI SPD 9-A-1.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Gender Equity, Safe Communities, New Americans & Education

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2020