

2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that CBO develop a proposal for a compensation program for Boards and Commissions volunteers

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the City Budget Office (CBO), in partnership with the Department of Neighborhoods, Office for Civil Rights, Seattle Department of Human Resources, and the Law Department, develop a proposal to provide compensation (through scholarships, stipends, or other benefits such as transit passes) to volunteers on the City's Boards and Commissions whose employers do not pay them for such service to make these engagement opportunities more inclusive and accessible.

The City has over 70 boards and commissions that provide advice and feedback on a broad range of topics to the City Council and the Mayor. This work should include:

- (1) analysis to determine the funding needed to support the recommended approach;
- (2) analysis of existing City resources expended annually to support the boards and commissions to determine if there are efficiencies that could be introduced to free up resources to provide this compensation; and
- (3) a best practices review of other cities that provide compensation to inform implementation of a compensation option for volunteers, including recommendations for establishing low-barrier criteria to determine eligibility for compensation.

CBO should submit a proposal to the Finance and Neighborhoods Committee, or successor committee, and the Council Central Staff Executive Director, by June 1, 2020.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Finance & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: June 1, 2020