

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 Seattle Police Department; banning the ownership, purchase, rent, storage, or use of crowd control weapons unless specifically authorized by the Seattle City Council; and adding a new Section 3.28.146 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: Citizens that have participated in the recent rallies and demonstrations protesting the killing of George Floyd have been the target of crowd control devices including lachrymator agents such as OC spray (Oleoresin Capsicum) or CS gas, commonly known as tear gas, and explosive devices such as blast balls and stun grenades.

This legislation would prohibit further use of these crowd control devices and any other device that meets the definition of a Kinetic Impact Projectile, Chemical Irritant, Acoustic Weapon, Directed Energy Weapon, Water Cannon, Disorientation Device or Ultrasonic Cannon. It would also prohibit any device that is designed to be used on multiple individuals for crowd control and has the potential to cause pain or discomfort.

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 **X** 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?

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4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

There is a likely workload impact to the Office of Police Accountability to the extent that citizens will no longer make police misconduct claims related to use of crowd control devices. Additionally, the City's reduced risk to liability from such devices may have an impact on the City Attorney's Office.

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?

Without this legislation, citizens will continue to have their physical health and safety threatened by crowd control devices, including when such devices are associated with police misconduct. A disproportionate number of citizens who experience police misconduct are people of color.

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).

N/A