

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: A RESOLUTION establishing the City Council’s goal to implement Internet for All Seattle, a vision of enabling all Seattle residents to access and adopt broadband internet service that is reliable and affordable.

Summary and background of the Legislation: Adoption of this legislation would establish a City Council goal of enabling all Seattle residents to access and adopt broadband internet service that is reliable and affordable, referenced as Internet for All Seattle. The resolution requests that the Seattle Information Technology Department (ITD) provide reports and plans, including a Gap Analysis, identification of Lessons Learned and an Internet for All Action Plan to the Council’s Transportation and Utilities Committee. On September 16, 2020, ITD would provide its first report on existing and proposed short-term solutions to equitably increase access and adoption and a timeline for presenting subsequent reports on longer-term solutions from the Action Plan.

The Gap Analysis would quantify the lack of access to affordable internet service for Seattle residents, informed by the 2020 experience of students in the Seattle Public Schools. The Lessons Learned study would focus on recent findings (since at least 2017) from cities that provide or have provided municipal broadband. The Internet for All Action Plan would detail how the City of Seattle can help provide universal access to affordable broadband internet service to all residents. It would identify partnerships, infrastructure and resources needed to implement recommended steps, and an implementation schedule that would include a race and social justice analysis to ensure equitable distribution and increase of affordable access adoption. The Action Plan would identify milestones for reporting progress to the Council and general public, and it would include both a near-term process evaluation to ensure effective implementation of Internet for All Seattle and a long-term outcomes evaluation to assess the effectiveness of Internet for All Seattle, once implemented.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes 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?

No

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

The legislation requests that the Information Technology Department completes a series of reports, the first of which is due September 16, 2020, and creates an Action Plan in support of universal affordable internet access to all residents of Seattle. The Action Plan would identify strategic partnerships that could involve city departments, including, but not limited to, Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities, the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Seattle Public Library and Seattle Parks and Recreation.

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?

The resolution identifies historical inequities and gaps in internet access, adoption and affordability throughout Seattle and includes a requirement for a “Race and Social Justice analysis to ensure an equitable distribution and increase of affordable [internet] access and adoption.”

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