

2021 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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OSE	001	A	001

Budget Action Title: Request that OSE collaborate on developing a carbon excise tax

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Andrew Lewis

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Dan Strauss

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), Seattle Department of Constructions (SDCI), Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), and City Budget Office (CBO) collaborate with the Office of Councilmember Andrew Lewis to draft legislation that would impose a carbon excise tax on commercial buildings. OSE, SDCI, FAS, and CBO would be expected to assist with developing the specifics of the proposal, which should include, but is not limited to, the following components: carbon emission thresholds, tax rates, potential exemptions, recommendations for the use of tax proceeds, and resources required to administer the tax.

Development of the proposal is anticipated to occur throughout the first quarter of 2021, with the goal of having legislation ready for Council consideration by June 30, 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Finance & Housing

Date Due to Council: June 30, 2021