

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 City Light Department; authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of City Light to establish and fund an early action Skagit Habitat Enhancement Program in anticipation of new Skagit River Hydroelectric Project license conditions to implement meaningful habitat and watershed improvements in the Skagit River watershed for Endangered Species Act listed species; authorizing the execution of necessary and convenient agreements to implement the early action habitat and watershed improvements in the Skagit River watershed; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

The current license for the Skagit River Hydroelectric Project (Project) expires in April 2025. The project provides about 20% of the electricity needs of the City of Seattle. The Skagit River is important habitat for several species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) including bull trout and Chinook salmon. The proposed Program would enable City Light to implement actions, in partnership with tribes and public agencies, important to the protection and recovery of ESA-listed species and other necessary early actions prior to the issuance of the new license. In 2021, the Program would provide \$2.5 million for priority projects and studies. Every year after 2021 until the issuance of the new license, the Program would provide an additional \$500,000 on an annual basis.

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?

Projects supported by the Program may require annual monitoring and maintenance to maintain target habitat functions. Property may be acquired with this Program which would require long-term stewardship.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

The Program is an important component of maintaining collaborative relationships and work in the Skagit River Watershed during the relicensing process. Key partners engaged in the

implementation of project supported by the Program include three tribes and federal and state regulatory agencies.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

No.

- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

- c. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

- d. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

- e. **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 Program would support the protection of salmon and other fish that are critically important to the culture and livelihoods of at least three native American tribal communities.

- f. **Climate Change Implications**

1. **Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

No.

2. **Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

The proposed Program is an integral component of stewardship of the City's hydroelectric generation facilities. Hydroelectricity is an essential component of a carbon-free clean energy future.

- 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.

List attachments/exhibits below:

N/A.