

# 2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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**Budget Action Title:** Request that CBO develop models, costs, and timelines for citywide 24/7 mental/behavioral health response

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
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	No	0									
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## Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the City Budget Office (CBO)'s Office of Performance and Innovation (OPI), with assistance from the Seattle Fire Department (SFD), Human Services Department (HSD), Community Safety Communications Center (CSCC), and Seattle – King County Public Health (SKCPH), analyze the aggregate service provision of all City and City-contracted emergency and non-emergency services that respond to incidents/calls for service in the field with a mental/behavioral health nexus, compare it to the aggregate need for these services, and specify how best to serve those remaining needs. This analysis will include the costs and staffing levels that would be required to sustain 24-hour response capacity by trained mental/behavioral health professionals, a funding plan for the full implementation of this capacity within three years, and the Executive's assessment of a set of performance metrics for the regular evaluation of a 24-hour response system and course correction as necessary.

This SLI response is intended to help frame policy and budgetary decisions about how to implement a citywide response to behavioral health crises in the field as policymakers also consider the various "upstream"/preventative investments in meeting the needs of community members who have behavioral/mental health concerns and do not have ready access to care and service providers. Many of those community members are Black, indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC) and/or are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of displacement from housing.

Council requests that the SLI response include the following:

- (1) A baseline for analysis of aggregate need and the gap of behavioral health services in the field within Seattle that takes into account existing responses;
- (2) A quantitative analysis of the degree to which the need in such field services might grow in the future and the reasons for such growth (if applicable); and
- (3) Cost, model, and timeline options for implementing a citywide 24-hour behavioral health response system as described above which could include revenue sources that are new or reallocated and which

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would ideally reduce calls for service for behavioral health emergencies currently responded to by the Seattle Police Department.

The report should be submitted to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee, or successor committee, and the Central Staff Director by June 30, 2022.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):**

Public Safety & Human Services

**Date Due to Council:**

June 30, 2022