

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that HSD provide a quarterly report on activities responding to unsheltered homelessness

Ongoing: Yes Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Jeff Simms

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	Yes	0									
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	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) provide a quarterly report to City Council that provides basic performance metrics of the Homelessness Outreach and Provider Ecosystem (HOPE), or its successor, and the collaborating departments and agencies that manage the cleanup or removal of unsanctioned encampments. This report would be similar to what was previously reported by HSD on the performance of the City's Navigation Team in 2020 and was reported in 2021 on HOPE. These reports would ensure consistent reporting to the public by HSD, the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), other departments (as applicable), and contracted homelessness outreach providers to assess the outcomes and efficacy of responses to unsheltered homelessness. Reports should be submitted by January 31, April 30, July 31, and November 17, 2022. The report due January 31, 2022 should cover activities conducted from October 1 through December 31, 2021.

The quarterly reports would discuss the basic performance and outcomes of HOPE, or its successor, to provide homelessness outreach services. HSD and its partners would, at minimum, report on the performance measures reported on by HOPE in 2021 regarding the field work carried out by City or KCRHA staff and the work of contracted outreach providers.

For instances where an alternative metric would be provided, HSD would provide a justification to explain why the alternative metric better measures the impact.

The metrics to report on would convey the performance in the following areas:

- 1) Number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who were engaged and connected to services;
- 2) Number people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who were engaged and connected to safer spaces, including permanent housing, enhanced shelter, basic shelter, tiny home villages, or motel/hotel rooms; and
- 3) Number of hazardous and unsafe conditions stemming from, and found within, unauthorized encampments and any actions taken to address them.

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The reports would be submitted to the Chair of the Select Committee on Homelessness Strategies and Investments, or its successor, with a copy provided to the Central Staff Director, and copy filed with the City Clerk.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Select Committee on Homelessness Strategies and Investments

Date Due to Council:

January 31, 2022