

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Proviso \$1.8 million GF in LAW for pre-filing diversion (\$1.1 million), pre-trial diversion (\$250,000), and Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) (\$393,000)

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would impose three provisos on a total of \$1,753,859 GF in City Attorney's Office (LAW) to support pre-filing diversion (\$1,110,859), pre-trial diversion (\$250,000), and the Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) program (\$393,000).

The Council also intends to consider legislation to codify pre-filing diversion, pre-trial diversion, and LEAD, as well as require reporting about data such as the number of cases diverted through these programs and associated cost savings, as part of LAW's duties in the Seattle Municipal Code. These programs are all currently supported through prosecutors and other staff in LAW as well as through contracts with community-based organizations partnering with LAW. However, because these programs are not required by ordinance, the City Attorney has the discretion to move funding away from the programs or discontinue staffing. Adding these programs as LAW duties in the Seattle Municipal Code would add permanence to these programs as efforts the City is committed to continuing. Central Staff is working to draft this legislation for the Council's consideration in early December.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following provisos:

"Of the appropriations in the 2022 budget for the City Attorney's Office Criminal Budget Summary Level (BO-LW-J1500), \$1,110,859 is appropriated solely for pre-filing diversion and may be spent for no other purpose."

"Of the appropriations in the 2022 budget for the City Attorney's Office Criminal Budget Summary Level (BO-LW-J1500), \$250,000 is appropriated solely for pre-trial diversion and may be spent for no other purpose."

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"Of the appropriations in the 2022 budget for the City Attorney's Office Criminal Budget Summary Level (BO-LW-J1500), \$393,000 is appropriated solely for Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) and may be spent for no other purpose."