



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE related to appropriations for the Human Services Department; amending Ordinance 125475, which adopted the 2018 budget; lifting a proviso; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle’s 2018 Adopted Budget included a proviso on funds in the Human Services Department concerning the implementation of scan cards for the Homeless Management Investment System; and

WHEREAS, the proviso in Green Sheet 262-1-A-1-2018 specifies that “None of the money appropriated in the 2018 budget for the Human Services Department may be spent for the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) Scan Card project until the City Council passes an ordinance lifting this proviso. It is expected that the Council will not lift the proviso until the Human Services Department has completed an assessment of the project and filed a report of the assessment with the City Clerk. The assessment of the project should include analysis of its potential effectiveness and compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and other privacy standards. The assessment must involve consultation with three service or health care providers that serve a diversity of populations experiencing homelessness, such as Evergreen Treatment Services’ REACH program, YouthCare, Downtown Emergency Service Center, International Community Health Services, Country Doctor Community Health Centers, or Public Health - Seattle & King County”; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department submitted a report to the Human Services, Equitable Development and Renter Rights Committee in conjunction with this ordinance, for consideration on

February 13, 2018, in accordance with Green Sheet 262-1-A-1-2018; and

WHEREAS, use of HMIS scan cards shall be voluntary for both providers and the clients they serve, and the Human Services Department does not intend to compel providers or clients to use HMIS scan cards in any fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council requests that the Human Services Department ensure that service providers make amply clear to their clients the option of using an anonymous or de-identified profile in HMIS; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council will review the Human Services Department’s response to Statement of Legislative Intent 287-1-A-1, which requests a privacy impact report for HMIS, and which is due to the Governance, Equity, and Technology Committee on May 30, 2018; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The restrictions imposed by the following budget proviso, which limits spending on the following item, are removed because the conditions set forth in the proviso have been satisfied and they are no longer restrictions for any purpose, including those set forth in subsection 1(b) of Ordinance 125475:

Item	Department	2018 Green Sheet	Proviso
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1.1	Human Services Department	262-1-A-1	“None of the money appropriated in the 2018 budget for the Human Services Department may be spent for the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) Scan Card project until the City Council passes an ordinance lifting this proviso. It is expected that the Council will not lift the proviso until the Human Services Department has completed an assessment of the project and filed a report of the assessment with the City Clerk. The assessment of the project should include analysis of its potential effectiveness and compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and other privacy standards. The assessment must involve consultation with three service or health care providers that serve a diversity of populations experiencing homelessness, such as Evergreen Treatment Services’ REACH program, YouthCare, Downtown Emergency Service Center, International Community Health Services, Country Doctor Community Health Centers, or Public Health - Seattle & King County.”
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Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2018, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2018.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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