

BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Preschool Program; approving an Implementation Plan as required by Ordinance 124509 and Resolution 31527; amending the tuition model in the Action Plan adopted by Ordinance 124509; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

In November 2014, Seattle voters passed a \$58.3 million levy lid lift to provide quality preschool support services for Seattle families and students. This proposed legislation approves a Seattle Preschool Program Levy Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan) as required by Section 8 of Ordinance 124509, which directs that Levy proceeds can be invested only in accordance with an approved Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan, attached to this Council Bill, sets out the requirements, application procedures, funding mechanisms, and evaluation criteria for the Seattle Preschool Program. This legislation also includes a description of the conditions under which the Executive must seek approval from the City Council when proposing amendments to the adopted Implementation Plan. In addition, it amends the Seattle Preschool Program Action Plan adopted by Ordinance 124509 to reflect refinements made to the tuition model. Finally, the legislation includes a clause ratifying and confirming certain prior actions taken by the Executive.

A Seattle Preschool Program Plan is being submitted separately as a Clerk File. It describes the outcomes of the Levy investments, the primary populations served, indicators showing progress toward results, critical partnership elements with the Seattle School District and the Washington State Department of Early Learning, management of programs' phase-in processes, the methodology for selecting providers, and other important issues.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

N/A This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

Project I.D.: Project Location: Start Date: End Date: Total Cost:

Project Name:

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3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

(Note: appropriations for Levy programs will be made during the City's annual budget process or by separate legislation if necessary.)

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?

The attachment to this legislation includes program elements that may impact expenditures and revenues of the Seattle Preschool Program.

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

By not implementing this legislation, the City will not be able to invest the overall funding available to support children and their families available through the voter-approved Seattle Preschool Program Levy passed in November 2014.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

N/A

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

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

No.

f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

The Seattle Preschool Program Levy is designed to improve outcomes and opportunities for historically disadvantaged communities by providing high-quality preschools. High-quality preschool has been shown to be a powerful tool in creating educational equity. The Department of Education and Early Learning will be utilizing the racial equity toolkit regularly to ensure that our processes and procedures work toward achieving racial equity.

h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

This information is included in the Seattle Preschool Program Plan, which is being submitted as a separate Clerk File.

i) Other Issues:

None.

List attachments below: