

## SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\*

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\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.

### 1. BILL SUMMARY

**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; documenting compliance with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

#### **Summary and Background of the Legislation:**

This Resolution documents City Light’s compliance with federal law. PURPA, among other things, requires nonregulated electric utilities such as City Light to “consider” implementing federal ratemaking standards, but waives formal consideration if a city or state has already implemented comparable standards for the nonregulated utility. The Jobs Act added two new standards to PURPA regarding demand response and transportation electrification. It also requires entities to conduct a process to consider adopting them by November 2023, unless they had already adopted a comparable standard by November 15, 2021.

For the reasons identified in the attached report, this Resolution confirms that City Light and/or Washington State have already adopted comparable standards on demand response and transportation electrification. Thus, City Light need not formally consider the new Jobs Act standards.

City Light has utilized City Council resolutions to meet its PURPA requirements in the past and elects to do so again in this instance. *See e.g.*, City Council Resolution 31006 (2007).

### 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?      \_\_\_ Yes  X  No

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?      \_\_\_ Yes  X  No

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?  
No.

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No. Given the prior state/utility actions described in Attachment 1 to the Resolution, the public hearing requirements of PURPA do not apply. 16 U.S.C. § 2621(b).

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

No.

**d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

**e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

This Resolution affirms that those elements of City Light's transportation electrification strategy addressing environmental justice are comparable to the federal standard of promoting affordable and equitable electric vehicle charging options for residential, commercial, and public electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

**f. Climate Change Implications**

**1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

This Resolution, on its own, will not increase or decrease carbon emissions. However, this Resolution describes the City Light's multiple efforts to utilize demand response and enhance transportation electrification, which will decrease carbon emissions from the status quo.

**2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

This Resolution, on its own, will not increase or decrease Seattle's resilience to climate change. However, this Resolution describes several City Light proposals and programs that will contribute to climate change resiliency. This is particularly the case with regard to demand responses and its ability to reduce stress on energy infrastructure in response to extreme weather.

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)?**

N/A