

## **SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE**

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### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to homelessness; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to execute an amendment of the interlocal agreement between The City of Seattle and King County establishing the King County Regional Homelessness Authority.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:** This legislation authorizes the Mayor to enter the City into an amended Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with King County (County) regarding the operations of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority.

- In December 2019, the City of Seattle and King County entered into an Interlocal Agreement establishing the King County Regional Homelessness Authority ("KCRHA" or "Authority"), representing a major shift in the way the region approaches strategic planning, program development, and funding for homeless services in the Seattle-King County region.
- The original ILA created two oversight boards for KCRHA. One was a 13-member Implementation Board comprised of subject matter experts operating on a volunteer basis. The other was a 12-member board comprised of nine elected officials and three lived experience members. The two-board structure has presented challenges in role clarity and oversight responsibilities. The amended ILA will create one oversight board, the Governing Board, that will be responsible for setting strategic and policy direction for KCRHA and monitoring agency performance.
- The new Governing Board will likely need to meet monthly to fulfill its oversight obligations.

### **2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

### **3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

#### **3.d. Other Impacts**

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.**

This legislation has no direct costs but there will likely need to be more active staffing of the Mayor and the two Councilmembers who are seated on the new Governing Board. This Governing Board will need to meet more frequently than the Governing Committee they currently serve on. The Governing Board is expected to play an active role in setting strategic direction for the KCRHA and monitoring agency outcomes. In turn, KCRHA will likely need to have dedicated staff who are subject matter experts working more closely with Governing Board members.

**If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.**

N/A

**Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.** KCRHA would continue operating under a two-board structure, which has been found to be problematic in terms of clarity of roles and responsibilities and decision-making.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.**

N/A

- b. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.**

No.

- c. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**

- i. **How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

The new Governing Board will have three seats for people with Lived Experience as defined under the definitions section of the restated and amended ILA (Attachment A).. This is similar to the current Governing Committee. With the sunseting of the Implementation Board, there will no longer be Lived Experience representation on that board. There will continue to be people with Lived Experience on KCRHA's Continuum of Care Board, which may also form an advisory committee to the Governing Board if it so chooses.

Moving to one oversight board for KCRHA should improve transparency in decision-making regarding KCRHA governance and also make it easier for the general public and key stakeholders to understand how and why certain decisions are being made. This should also provide a more central point of feedback for the public and key stakeholders.

- ii. **Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

N/A

- iii. **What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

N/A

**d. Climate Change Implications**

- i. **Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

N/A

- ii. **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.**

N/A

- e. **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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

N/A

## 5. CHECKLIST

- ☐ Is a public hearing required?
- ☐ Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?
- ☐ If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?
- ☐ Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?

## 6. ATTACHMENTS

**Summary Attachments:** None.