

2016 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Implications for the City of Seattle, Workforce Development Council Report: Workforce Ecosystem Project

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Office of Economic Development will analyze and report on the organizational assessment study “Workforce Ecosystem Project” as conducted by the regional Workforce Development Council. The final report will be released in early 2016. The report by OED will be to determine whether a better alignment of strategic interests can be developed between the City of Seattle and the Workforce Development Council. At a minimum the report shall identify: (1) opportunities for the City to leverage strategic regional partnerships for workforce development and (2) how local investments made by OED can be aligned with those made by regional partners to increase availability of funding.

The regional bodies that represent, fund, receive funding and partner with Seattle, including the Economic Development Council, the Trade Development Alliance and the Workforce Development Council, all have specific charters to serve the residents of Greater Seattle Metropolitan area. The focus on youth and developing the workforce in the region are of particular concern to this Council. It is the Council’s intention that the OED work with the WDC to determine how our interests can be better aligned based on this report and other OED recommendations.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing Affordability, Human Services, and Economic Resiliency

Date Due to Council: February 1, 2016