

## 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 condemning the Israeli military assault on the people of Gaza; urging an immediate ceasefire, humanitarian aid, an exchange of hostages, and an end to the occupation of Palestinian lands; affirming opposition to Islamophobia and anti-Semitism; and urging the U.S. Congress to end all military funding to Israel.

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

This is a Council resolution condemning the Israeli military assault on the people of Gaza; urging an immediate ceasefire, humanitarian aid, an exchange of hostages, and an end to the occupation of Palestinian lands; affirming opposition to Islamophobia and anti-Semitism; and urging the U.S. Congress to end all military funding to Israel.

The Palestinian people of Gaza are now facing an unimaginable human catastrophe as the Israeli military, the fourth-largest in the world, invades and imposes a brutal blockade on Gaza. As of November 13, 2023, the Israeli military has killed more than 11,100 Gazans, or one out of every 200 residents of Gaza, with most of the victims being women and children, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry, and with more people across Gaza believed to be buried under the rubble, alive or dead. The Israeli state is engaging in collective punishment of ordinary Palestinians in the wake of the brutal October 7 attack where Hamas killed 1,200 Israelis, foreigners, and dual nationals, including children, women, the elderly, and other civilians, as well as Bedouins and other Arab-Israelis, injured another 3,500, and took 242 people as hostages.

The City of Seattle is home to many people whose families have been impacted by this violence, with victims in Israel, Gaza, and the occupied West Bank. The Seattle City Council has long gone on record as opposing both Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.

### **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

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

No

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

No

#### **4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

The resolution requests the Office of Intergovernmental Relations communicate its content to Seattle's Congressional delegation.

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

No

**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 states opposition to the ongoing and violent oppression of Palestinian people.

**f. Climate Change Implications**

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

No

**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.**

No

**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

**Summary Attachments (if any):**

N/A