

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION acknowledging that Seattle residents, workers, students, and visitors deserve to be safe and feel safe; recognizing and appreciating first responders from the Seattle Police Department, Seattle Fire Department, and the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department; affirming the City’s obligations to fully support, train, and equip first responders; committing to a diversified public safety response system; acknowledging the City’s actions to reform the Police Department under the federal Consent Decree; committing to resolve the remaining issues of the Consent Decree; and affirming the essential services provided by the Police Department.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

This resolution provides an affirmative recognition and appreciation for the City of Seattle’s first responders, including those who work at the Seattle Police Department (SPD), the Seattle Fire Department, and the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department. The resolution also reaffirms the City’s commitment to a system that offers a diverse set of responses, including not only law enforcement and traditional emergency medical services but also approaches that address the needs of those with longer-term emotional needs or in mental-health crises. In addition, the resolution acknowledges the extensive work done over the past 10+ years to reform SPD’s policies and practices in response to the Department of Justice investigation that identified significant failures around biased policing and excessive use of force. As the resolution documents, federal oversight imposed through the terms of a court-imposed consent decree is likely ending soon. Consistent with the City’s interest in reaching that milestone, the legislation specifically requests that the Executive deliver crowd-management policies consistent with recently adopted legislation to the federal Monitor and the Department of Justice, with the expectation that they will subsequently be provided to the federal court.

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 such financial impacts.

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.

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

There are no direct financial costs or other material impacts associated with not implementing this resolution.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

The resolution includes a request to SPD to finalize crowd control policies consistent with recent Council-approved legislation, and a related request to the Office of the City Attorney to submit these policies to the Federal Monitor and the Department of Justice, and subsequently to the Federal Court for its review.

- 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.**

N/A

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

As documented in the legislation itself, this resolution, while expressing appreciation for the work of Seattle's first responders, also recognizes the history of biased policing and use of excessive force that led to the federal consent decree and the appointment of a court-ordered Monitor. The resolution also documents the corrective steps taken over the past 10+ years and the Court's observations regarding improved policing practices at SPD. With the completion of new crowd management policies, which must be consistent with legislation recently passed by the City Council, SPD will be positioned to clear the final remaining hurdle for termination of the consent decree and the end of federal oversight.

d. Climate Change Implications - 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

Please click the appropriate box if any of these questions apply to this legislation.

None of the following items apply to this resolution.

- 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?**