

## 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; affirming the City Light Department's Clean Energy Implementation Plan as required under Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act.

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

The Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) adopted into law in 2019 seeks to decarbonize the economy of Washington state. CETA requires utilities like City Light to plan for that outcome and to seek their governing body's approval of four and ten year plans for doing so. This first Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) for City Light addresses the following three critical requirements:

- Explains the steps City Light is taking over the next four years (2022 through 2025) to make progress towards serving customers with 100% non-emitting or renewable resources no later than 2045;
- Develops the foundation to measure and ensure equitable access to clean energy; and
- Describes our outreach to our customer-owners that has informed this plan.

For additional background and information on City Light's CETA compliance, please see the Attachment 1 to the proposed resolution (Clean Energy Implementation Plan Report).

This proposed resolution is the vehicle in which City Light shows state regulators, including the Department of Commerce, that our local governing body (City Council) approves our CETA CEIP.

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

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

If yes, please fill out the table below and attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page. If no, please delete the table.

### **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, this legislation does not have fiscal impacts on 2021 or 2022 budget. There are long-term indirect cost impacts that relate to our continued commitment to providing customers clean and non-emitting resources. As our most recent IRP has indicated, we will have future resource needs starting in 2026. To maximize efficiencies and to continue the City's values and commitments in meeting our emissions targets, future resource acquisitions will be procured based on need as well as based on CETA compliance value. With that, there will most likely be a long-term financial impact to City Light customers through future resource acquisitions to meet our needs and CETA compliance requirements.

**Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

There are financial consequences based on the statute (RCW 19.405.090) for not complying with CETA. The law requires us to gain local regulatory body approval for the utility's Clean Energy Implementation Plan (RCW 19.405.060(2)(b)).

**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, however, a public meeting is preferable as we are required to engage with the public prior and during adoption of the plan.

**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?**

CETA requires City Light to identify those communities that have been impacted by our operations as well as populations that may be vulnerable as a result of our actions or other factors, and better serve these communities than we may have done in the past. City Light developed Attachment 1 Exhibit B to the Resolution (Clean Energy Equity Plan) to guide the utility's integration of equity into its planning, programs, and projects.

For additional information on this topic please see the Attachment 1 to the proposed Resolution (Clean Energy Implementation Plan Report).

**f. Climate Change Implications**

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

This legislation provides a plan for meeting our Clean Energy Transformation Act requirements through the required Clean Energy Implementation Plan. Included in the plan are steps for continuing City Light and the City's commitment to reducing carbon emissions. As this is a *plan*, there is no direct increase or decrease in carbon emissions, however, City Light's CEIP will over time help illustrate actionable items and projects that will continue to help reduce carbon emissions associated with our operations.

**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 legislation will not increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency to climate change. City Light is committed to continuing our commitment to be a greenhouse neutral utility while also taking affirmative steps towards addressing climate change. The CETA CEIP will act as an additional vehicle for outlining and showcasing the utility's plans for continuing our commitments to environmental stewardship and addressing the effects of climate change through resiliency and adaptation.

**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)?**

This legislation does not approve a new initiative or major programmatic expansion. This legislation approves City Light's first CEIP as required by CETA.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

N/A.