

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

1. **Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Fire Department; authorizing the Fire Chief to execute and administer, for and on behalf of The City of Seattle, an interlocal agreement with 29 agencies that operate independent fire departments within King County to provide one another with automatic emergency response services under certain circumstances.
2. **Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation authorizes the Fire Chief for the City of Seattle to enter into an agreement among 29 other fire chiefs in King County committing to provide each other with fire, rescue, and emergency services when any of the 30 signatory fire agencies or departments is faced with an emergent situation that is beyond its own capacity to meet. The agreement is attached to the ordinance as Attachment A (“Martin Luther King County Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid”) and the signature page, which lists the participating agencies, is Attachment B.

The legislation supersedes, in many cases, automatic or mutual aid agreements that have been in effect between and among various of these fire agencies, sometimes for a period of several decades. Mutual Aid agreements are those in which agencies agree to provide aid to fellow signatory agencies upon request. Automatic Aid agreements, such as the one that the legislation addresses, are those in which assistance is dispatched automatically based on computer-aided dispatch. The benefit of an automatic aid agreement is that response resources can arrive at the scene of an emergency as quickly as they can arrive there. The benefit of an automatic aid agreement with a large number of signatories is that each of them can count on the support of the others to meet response needs.

This agreement has been in development for the past year and Chief Harold Scoggins of the Seattle Fire Department has been working in partnership with the other signatories to develop the current agreement.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

- b. 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.
- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**
There are no costs or impacts of not implementing the legislation.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
The legislation only applies to the Seattle Fire Department.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No.
- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**
No.
- d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No.
- e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No.
- f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**
This legislation provides a mechanism for all communities to benefit from comprehensive emergency response. It does not have particular impact to historically disadvantaged communities.
- 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

List attachments/exhibits below: