

2021 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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SDCI	006	A	002

Budget Action Title: Report by SDCI on standard residential lease terms

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) work with the Seattle Renters Commission to draft standard terms appropriate for all residential leases and report on those recommended terms to the Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee. The report should be developed with input from organizations representing renters and landlords.

The information in the report would inform a legislation requiring all residential leases to contain those standard terms. Establishing standard terms would allow Council to set policy preventing residential leases with abusive terms.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Sustainability & Renters' Rights

Date Due to Council: April 1, 2021