

2021 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request LAW work with Central Staff to research and prepare draft legislation for an elected Community Oversight Board

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Asha Venkataraman

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the City Attorney's Office (LAW) work with Council Central Staff to research and prepare draft legislation to enable the City of Seattle to establish an elected Community Oversight Board with full powers over police accountability. These powers would include the power to investigate reports of excessive force and racially biased policing, subpoena witnesses and evidence, and fire or otherwise discipline officers. Included in this draft legislation should be any necessary draft Council Bill, Voter Referendum, or Charter Amendment needed for creation of the Community Oversight Board.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: March 15, 2021