

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: AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; related to the Green Up Program and amending Seattle Municipal Code chapter 21.49.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The Green-Up Program was originally launched in 2002 to meet the intent outlined in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.29A.090 requiring electric utilities to offer a voluntary option to purchase qualified alternative energy resources. This proposed legislation modifies the Seattle Municipal Code chapter 21.49.084 associated with the Green-Up Program. The SMC has been amended twice since 2002 to reflect customer preferences in City Light’s voluntary green programs; this legislation makes changes to the program name and it broadens program offerings.

The proposed changes to the legislation have two elements:

1. An edit to delete the term “Green-Up” across the entire Chapter. This will provide City Light with more flexibility to update and adjust program offerings to meet evolving customer needs.
2. In Section 21.29.84, City Light is adding new language seeking authority to initiate new programs that allow customers to voluntarily contribute to renewable energy projects, but without the constraint of purchasing only “qualified” alternative resource options required by RCW 19.29A.090. This narrow definition has limited City Light’s ability to offer programs that customers want; they are interested in supporting a broader range of green energy projects with their voluntary contributions. As an example, the contributions could fund grants for low-income housing providers to install solar panels, demonstration projects, or educational efforts.

This legislation will edit Seattle Municipal Code 21.49.084 to codify this authority.

There are no financial or budgetary impacts due to amending the SMC; the programs offered under the Voluntary Green Power umbrella are intended to be self-funded from voluntary customer contributions.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

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?

The proposed legislation will provide City Light with the authority to align its Adopted Budget with the program's new position via supplemental budget requests.

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

There is no direct financial cost of not implementing this legislation. There could be modest customer service-related impacts if the legislation is not implemented. Customers have expressed interest in contributing to a voluntary renewable program outside the qualified renewable energy resource requirements associated with RCW 19.29A. This legislation helps to meet this customer desire.

The budget authority for these contribution programs should be tied to the revenue collected.

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
- 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? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

The development of programs or the investment in renewable energy projects associated with any of the voluntary green power programs will consider Race and Social Justice. The Department plans to engage the community and contributors in determining how the program funds will be invested. The Department will take into consideration how voluntary

contributions could fund renewable energy projects in low-income, vulnerable, or 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).

This legislation will expand the voluntary green power programs offered by City Light. The intent is to allow customers to fund a broader range of renewable energy initiatives such as:

- Energy technologies such as solar, thermal, wind, and storage.
- Projects related to local, low-income, non-profit, or public facilities.
- Activities such as energy education, demonstration, or public art.

The legislation will allow City Light to collect voluntary contributions and reinvest those funds into renewable energy initiatives.

List attachments/exhibits below: