

2021 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request report on potential economies of scale for 911 dispatch

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This proposed Statement of Legislative Intent would request the Executive to report by March 31, 2021 on potential economies of scale and other benefits and costs associated with either merging or co-locating the police and fire 911 call-taking and dispatch functions into one emergency communications center.

Background:

The Mayor has proposed to transfer the Seattle Police Department’s 911 Communications Center to a new Seattle Emergency Communications Center (SECC) in the Executive Department. CB 119935 would create the SECC to serve as the City’s primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), providing 24-hour public safety communication and dispatch services for 911 calls originating in Seattle. Call takers in the SECC would forward calls requiring a fire or medical response to the Seattle Fire Department’s dispatch center, called the “Fire Alarm Center,” consistent with current practice. Approval of the Mayor’s proposed 2021 budget ordinance (CB 119938) would transfer appropriations and FTEs from SPD to the new SECC.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2021