

Seattle City Council Select Budget Committee
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City Attorney's Office / Law Department (LAW)

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2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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LAW-001-A

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SPONSORS

Robert Kettle, Joy Hollingsworth, Sara Nelson

BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	
Other Funds	\$(175,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(175,000)	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

The Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase appropriations to the City Attorney's Office (LAW) by \$175,000 Automated Traffic Safety Camera (ATSC) Fund in 2026 for legal interns to do traffic citation enforcement work. These positions are staffed by current law students who work in a Rule 9 capacity to handle contested infractions for automated traffic enforcement cases before a magistrate in the Seattle Municipal Court, and work directly under the supervision of a licensed attorney in LAW. The volume of this work is expected to grow as additional cameras come online in 2026.

This CBA would utilize available fund balance in the ATSC Fund to fund these on-going costs. The ATSC Fund is funded by traffic infraction penalties resulting from automated traffic camera enforcement.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
LAW	Civil	18500-BO-LW-J1300	2026		\$175,000