2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Pass C.B. 119107, SDCI's Emergency Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance

Ongoing: No

Has CIP Amendment: No

Has Budget Proviso: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Councilmembers:

Staff Analyst: Aly Pennucci

Council Bill or Resolution: C.B. 119107

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	Yes										
	No										
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Budget Action description:

This green sheet recommends passage of Council Bill 119107, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections' (SDCI) Emergency Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance. This bill would increase the limit on the total dollar amount of unreimbursed emergency relocation assistance, advanced by SDCI to low-income tenants. The current limit, set in 2003, is $50,000; the proposed legislation increases the limit to $200,000.

On occasion, SDCI has encountered situations where the total dollar value of unreimbursed emergency relocation assistance approached or exceeded the $50,000 limit. Due to the urgent need of low-income tenants who sometimes must move with little notice, SDCI has proceeded to advance assistance to low-income tenants even when it meant exceeding the limit. In most cases, property owners make reimbursement payments to the City within a few days to a few weeks after the emergency relocation assistance has been advanced by the City.

The proposed change provides SDCI with a more feasible limit to work within, so that emergency relocation assistance payments can be made to low-income tenants without violating the provisions of the Municipal Code.