

Amendment C, Version 1, to CB 120549 – Relating to crime of Obstructing a Public Officer to include obstructing firefighters and fire department personnel.

Sponsor: Councilmember Mosqueda

Requesting the completion of a Racial Equity Toolkit and reporting on departments' current and potential future ability to report on data related to behavioral health crises

Effect: This amendment would request the Seattle Police Department (SPD) and Seattle Fire Department (SFD) to complete a Racial Equity Toolkit analysis of the impacts of Council Bill 120549 and to provide the Council with regular updates on the progress of this work.

It would also request these departments to report on their current and potential future ability to determine whether those who are arrested for obstruction of SFD personnel are or may be experiencing mental or behavioral health crisis.

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Section 3. The Seattle Police Department (SPD) and Seattle Fire Department (SFD) are requested to complete a Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) analysis of the impacts of this legislation.

The Executive should provide written updates on the status of this work, with a current estimate of when it will be completed, to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee Chair and the Central Staff Director. The first such update is requested 30 days after the effective date of this legislation. Subsequent updates are requested by the first working days of the month in September, January, April, and July, until the RET is completed. The Executive should also provide the completed RET analysis to the same parties.

Section 4. Consistent with the Council's interest in understanding the potentially disparate impact to vulnerable populations of the amendments made to Section 12A.16.010, SPD and SFD are requested to report on the degree to which they collect data on whether those who are arrested for obstruction of SFD personnel are or may be experiencing mental or behavioral health crisis at the time of such arrest and whether such reporting could be expanded. That report should include the specific data dimensions that each department currently collects related to Council interest and recommendations for additional data dimensions not currently collected that would support a more comprehensive future analysis of this potentially disparate impact.

This report would be due to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee Chair and the Central Staff Director by August 31, 2023.