

## 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

1. **Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to the safe storage of and access to firearms; adding a new Chapter 10.79 to the Seattle Municipal Code.
2. **Summary and background of the Legislation:** The City is interested in reducing gun crimes and gun deaths but is limited in what it may legislate due to the State's preemption laws. In that context, this bill requires that guns are secured in a locked container when not in possession of their owner or other lawfully authorized user.

The legislation creates a new Chapter 10.79 in the Seattle Municipal Code that makes it a civil violation, punishable by fine, to improperly store a firearm.

### 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?     \_\_\_ Yes  X  No

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?     \_\_\_ Yes  X  No
- b. 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 Seattle Police Department is required to survey compliance with the law. The City Attorney's Office will prosecute civil offences that come from the law. The City Auditor is required to study the effectiveness of the law. Seattle-King County Public Health may expand or adjust existing education and outreach efforts on the importance of securing firearms in the home.

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

Requiring secure firearms will reduce guns stolen used in other crimes, firearm suicides and accidental or unintended use of firearms by youth. Reducing gun crimes and gun deaths will ultimately save money for the City's criminal justice and social service sector.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

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**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?**

Gun violence disproportionately affects communities of color – last year, 72 percent of the victims in firearm incidents were people of color, so measures to reduce gun violence will help historically disadvantaged communities.

There is concern that requiring guns be stored in a locked container will impose a new cost for some families. Local hospitals already organize some giveaways of gun lockers; and our hope is to encourage more and find other ways to increase access, such as arranging low-cost options.

**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).**

The long-term goal of this is a reduction in stolen guns, guns used in suicides and accidental shootings by youth. The bill calls for annual reports by the Auditor's office.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**