

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

Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION relating to sustainable procurement; encouraging the Executive to coordinate strategic planning for and implementation of performance standards and/or baseline practices to achieve far-reaching and systemic sustainable procurement outcomes to protect the environment and public health; and requesting a report by June 30, 2023.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: The City of Seattle's Finance & Administrative Services Department's [website](#) describes its Green Purchasing Program as a cooperative effort among City departments to promote environmental stewardship and reduce greenhouse gas emissions when buying goods, materials, services and capital improvements. As shown on the website, the City's Green purchasing policies and requirements address a broad range of topics and practices including climate change, fleet management plans, landscape and grounds management, and sustainable buildings. In addition, FAS promulgated a Sustainable Purchasing Policy, effective April 22, 2021.

This resolution would endorse the April 2021 Sustainable Purchasing Policy and request that the Executive convene as soon as possible the FAS-led Green Team to coordinate planning for and implementation of sustainable purchasing, including establishment of baseline practices and/or performance standards. The resolution requests that the Green Team establish specific practices and standards for procurement of chemicals, construction materials, energy, and natural resources for implementation, to the extent feasible. The resolution requests that the Executive file a report with the Clerk by June 30, 2023 on baseline practices and performance standards for the sustainable purchasing program, including fiscal impacts and potential funding sources.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes **x** No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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 financial impacts of new sustainable practices and standards for procurement of chemicals, construction materials, energy, and natural resources for implementation would vary depending upon the scope and scale of each procurement. The resolution requests that that the Executive include the fiscal impacts of and potential funding sources for implementing baseline practices and performance standards in their report.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

If the legislation is not implemented, the Executive will continue with its current process for convening the FAS-led Green Team to support the existing Green Purchasing Program. That program does not currently include a comprehensive set of baseline practices and performance standards, as requested by this Resolution.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

Each City office and department will be affected to various degrees, depending upon the scale and scope of its procurement practices.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

Numerous studies have shown that people of color, disadvantaged, vulnerable, low-income, marginalized, and indigenous peoples are disproportionately burdened by environmental threats that contribute to health disparities. Sustainable purchasing policies that include baseline practices and performance standards may reduce these environmental impacts and disparities by using and increasing demand for less toxic alternatives to products and encouraging investment in renewable resources.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

This resolution is intended to encourage the FAS-led Green Team to develop baseline practices and performance standards, some of which could establish and maintain City actions that would decrease carbon emissions.

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

Implementation of sustainable purchasing practices and/or meeting related performance standards could increase the City's ability to adapt to climate change by preparing for a future in which businesses seek and/or are required to address climate change impacts by discontinuing production and/or distribution of environmentally harmful chemicals and products that increase greenhouse gas emissions.

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)?

This resolution is intended to encourage development and implementation of baseline practices and performance standards which would increase accountability for the City's sustainable purchasing decisions.