

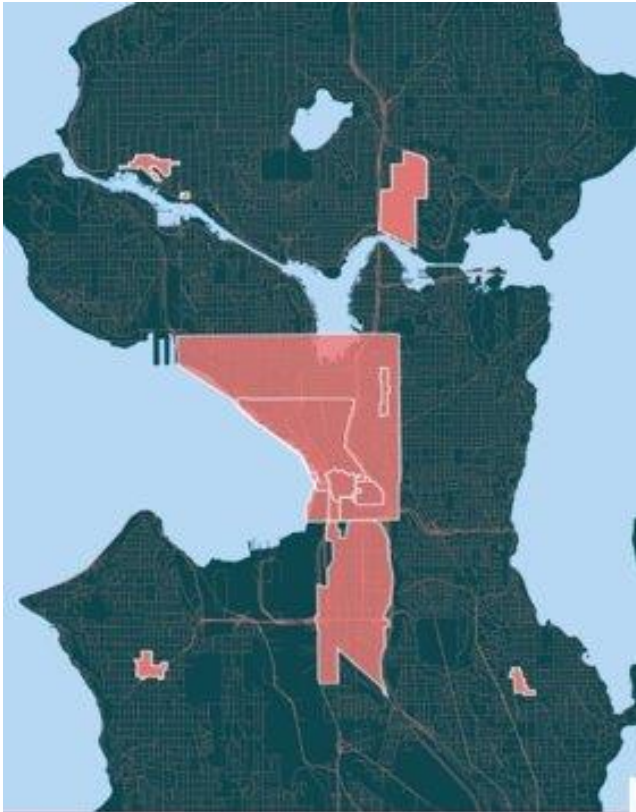
University District Partnership BIA Amendment

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Seattle's BIA Program



- 11 BIAs in Seattle generate more than \$45 million for enhanced business services and programs
- Local control, predictable and sustainable funding
- Revenue collected is 100% allocated to the district
- Program is supported by OED and Treasury Services

U District Partnership Proposed Amendment

- **Removal of the RFP requirement from the ordinance.**
 - Current ordinance requires OED to conduct an RFP process every five years to identify a program manager.
 - In January 2025, OED ran the first RFP process per this requirement and determined that this requirement imposes an undue administrative burden without delivering public benefit
 - Eliminating this requirement would align the UDBIA with practices of other BIAs and allow more focus on service delivery and program impact.



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- **Adjust the mandatory board seats to be recommended board seats, to make Board administration easier.**
 - Current ordinance includes highly specific board seat requirements that have become increasingly difficult to fulfill.
 - By shifting from mandatory to recommended board roles, the UDBIA would retain the original intent of diverse representation while gaining flexibility to fill vacancies and maintain consistent governance.



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- OED has reviewed the proposal, which **meets the requirements** of a BIA amendment and is allowed under RCW 35.87A.075.
- **No petition process is required** as part of the amendment process.



Questions

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