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Council Actions for North Delridge Businesses Facing Displacement

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OED-007-A – Proviso for North Delridge Businesses Facing Displacement

- Proviso \$250,000 in OED to support small businesses in the North Delridge area at risk of displacement related to economic transition, industrial adjacency, and infrastructure projects.
- OED has programs designed to provide technical and financial assistance to small businesses that may apply to these impacted businesses, including but not limited to accounting and business consulting assistance and the Capital Access Program.
- Any disbursement of funding shall not be executed until the Executive has ensured commensurate public benefits, which could include, but is not limited to:
 - Jobs created and maintained;
 - In-kind goods and services to the community with a focus on racial and social equity; and
 - Activation and revitalization of the surrounding neighborhood.

OED-009S-A: Statement of Legislative Intent

- Requests that the Executive convene an interdepartmental team (IDT) led by the Office of Economic Development (OED) and the Office of the Waterfront, Civic Projects, and Sound Transit (OWCPST), in coordination with the Mayor's Office, to develop recommendations for how the City can better support small businesses located within station area planning zones for the Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension (WSBLE) project.
 - Assess existing and anticipated small business impacts related to light rail construction, displacement, and long-term redevelopment;
 - Review best practices from other jurisdictions;
 - Identify policy, programmatic, and funding options for City-led or City-supported mitigation;
 - Consider how to improve coordination with Sound Transit and other regional partners to ensure equitable outcomes for small business communities affected by the WSBLE project.
- Report with findings and recommendations outlining potential next steps, timelines, and resource implications due June 15, 2026.

Context: House Bill 1733 (2025)

- In 2025, the Washington State Legislature increased the statutory cap on relocation and reestablishment payment from \$50,000 to **\$200,000** (for all displacing agencies other than the state).
 - Adjusted annually by two percent to account for inflation.
 - While just compensation under eminent domain is a constitutionally mandated award, an award of relocation and reestablishment assistance is a legislatively crafted benefit controlled entirely by statute.