

2021 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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HSD	006	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request that HSD provide a report on demand and costs for citywide diversion program by August 2, 2021

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) provide a report to City Council determining the funding needed to meet the City’s “commitment to ensuring that law enforcement pre-arrest diversion programs, such as Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD), receive public funding sufficient to accept all priority qualifying referrals citywide,” as stated in Resolution 31916. The report should include (1) forecasts of the number and type of priority qualifying referrals, including social referrals with or without law enforcement and arrest referrals, (2) estimates of the funding necessary to support pre-arrest diversion services for those referrals citywide in 2021, 2022, and 2023, and (3) a description of how the Executive will incorporate the findings in the 2022 Proposed Budget.

The SLI would request that HSD engage or coordinate with the LEAD Policy Coordinating Group to prepare the report and that HSD submit the report to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director by August 2, 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: August 2, 2021