

## SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to collection of surveillance data; specifying conditions for a mandatory 60-day pause in data collection for Seattle Police Department Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) and Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems; and amending Ordinances 127044 and 127297.

#### **Summary and Background of the Legislation:**

Background: Pursuant to Ordinances 125376 and 125679, the City Council passed Ordinance 127110 on October 8, 2024, authorizing CCTV systems to be erected in pilot deployment areas on Aurora Avenue North, Belltown, the International District and the Downtown Commercial Core.

The City Council passed Ordinance 127297 on September 9, 2025, which expanded the City's CCTV pilot to the Capital Hill Nightlife area, the Stadium District and the Garfield High School neighborhood. This ordinance requires a 60-day pause of CCTV data collection if the City or its vendor receives a warrant, subpoena, or court order for Seattle CCTV data in a civil immigration enforcement matter, or if Seattle CCTV data is released pursuant to law for use in a federal civil immigration enforcement matter.

The City Council passed Ordinance 127044 on June 18, 2024, which approved the Seattle Police Department's (SPD's) expansion of ALPR technology from its current limited use to a fleet-wide deployment on all SPD patrol vehicles. Ordinance 127044 does not require a 60-day pause of ALPR data collection if ALPR data is released for use in a civil immigration matter.

Summary of Legislation: This proposed legislation would:

1. Extend to the Seattle Police Department's (SPD's) patrol vehicle ALPR system the same 60-day pause provision that applies to SPD's CCTV network;
2. Add a new requirement that the 60-day pause will also apply when CCTV or ALPR footage is used in a reproductive health care matter;
3. Require a 60-day pause of CCTV or patrol vehicle ALPR data collection if the Mayor and Police Chief have determined that CCTV or ALPR data is being used, or potentially will be used, for civil immigration or reproductive health care enforcement purposes, including uses that may occur concurrently with an increased presence of civil immigration enforcement personnel in Seattle; and
4. Authorize the Mayor to issue an executive order that temporarily resumes CCTV and ALPR data collection when necessary to gather and transmit to prosecutors evidence of potentially unlawful acts that occur during civil immigration or reproductive health care enforcement operations.

## 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

## 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?  Yes  No

The 60-day pause requirement was included in the bill that authorized CCTV expansion, and SPD has indicated that its vendor Axon can temporarily pause data collection.

SPD staff have confirmed with Axon that it can implement a system-wide temporary pause on the ALPR functionality for all patrol officers without interrupting or affecting the functionality of the In-Car Video system for all officers. Axon could make the change very quickly (likely within a day of SPD's request) and at no additional cost to SPD.

At least in the short term, SPD would need to continue paying Axon for the ALPR service even if Axon is not providing ALPR service pursuant to a potential request from SPD.

### 3.d. Other Impacts

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.**

There are no additional costs to the City.

**If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.**

**Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.**

Not implementing this legislation could contribute to an environment that limits access and safety to public spaces, especially among Seattle's undocumented immigrants.

**Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.**

The Seattle Police Department will be the primary department involved in this legislation.

## 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

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

No.

**c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

**d. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**

- i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

This legislation seeks to prevent an environment that limits access and safety to public spaces, especially among Seattle's undocumented immigrants.

- ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

Not completed.

- iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

**e. Climate Change Implications**

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

- ii. 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.**

**f. 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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

This legislation establishes a new regulation but does not qualify as a new initiative or major programmatic expansion.

**g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

No.