

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: AN ORDINANCE relating to the organization of City government; renaming the Community Safety and Communications Center to the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department; requesting that the Code Reviser revise the Seattle Municipal Code accordingly; and amending Sections 3.15.060 and 3.15.062 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This legislation renames the Community Safety and Communication Center (CSCC) to the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department and clarifies the duties of the department and Chief.

In 2021, the Community Safety and Communications Center (CSCC) was created, making it the new home of the City's 911 dispatch center. As the City continues its work to increase public safety response to be more community-focused and trauma-informed, CSCC will be renamed to the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department to better reflect the department's intended vision and purpose.

In 2023 a pilot program will begin in CARE, where the department will provide dual dispatch and/or diversified response to certain low-acuity 911 calls, including behavioral health and substance abuse calls.

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 X 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?
No.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
No.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
This legislation changes the name and duties of a City Department.
- 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?**
As the Community Safety and Communications Center (CSCC) transitions to being the new Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department, the CARE’s mission aligns with the City’s RSJI goal of eliminating racial inequities in the community. This legislation and name change will work towards consolidating the City’s response options to incidents when police officers are not needed. Through this department the City is building community-focused, trauma-informed approaches to low-acuity non-police public safety incidents. The CARE Department’s mission is to improve public health and safety services by unifying and aligning the City’s community-focused, non-police public safety investments and services to address behavioral, substance abuse, and non-emergent, low-risk calls for service through diversified programs that are equitable, innovative, evidence-based, compassionate, and effective. The stated goal of this department supports improving the City’s response to residents in distress, working towards reducing incidents of entering criminal justice system, and creating more inclusive Seattle for all.
- Language Access Plan:
CSCC/CARE works with external vendors to offer translation, interpretation, community outreach, and direct engagement with residents speaking languages other than English. The Department plans on continuing this work as it expands its mandate and engages with community members.
- f. Climate Change Implications**
- 1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**
No.

- 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.**

No.

- 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 legislation reflects a change in name and expansion of scope for the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department. The CARE Department’s mission is to improve public health and safety services by unifying and aligning the City’s community-focused, non-police public safety investments and services to address behavioral, substance abuse, and non-emergent, low-risk calls for service through diversified programs that are equitable, innovative, evidence-based, compassionate, and effective.