

2018 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Report by OSE on a food access pilot

Ongoing: No

Primary Sponsor: Johnson, Rob

Councilmembers: Bagshaw; Harris-Talley; O'Brien; Sawant

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Office of Sustainability and the Environment (OSE) report back to Council regarding how it would implement a transportation voucher pilot program to provide residents living in low-income housing located in food deserts (for example, Brettler Family Place in Magnuson Park) with free ride share vouchers to get to and from locations providing healthy food options, like grocery stores accepting Fresh Bucks and farmers markets. A major barrier to accessing healthy food and participation in the Fresh Bucks program is a user’s ability to get to and from grocery stores and local farmers markets.

The report should include:

- How OSE would define "food desert";
- An estimate of how much funding is needed to implement a pilot program;
- The number of individuals and families residing in food deserts;
- The cost per individual or family for the program;
- How long the pilot program would last;
- The outcomes by which OSE plans to evaluate the pilot program; and
- An evaluation of whether OSE believes this is an effective strategy to provide low-income residents with food.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Sustainability and Transportation Committee

Date Due to Council: March 1, 2019