

2023 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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SCL	301	A	002-2023

Budget Action Title: Request that SCL report on new sources of green power

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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	Yes	0									
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	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that Seattle City Light (SCL) report to Council on the costs and benefits of new green power generation developed and owned by SCL compared to new, green power generation developed and owned by separate private or public entities. Green power is generated with fuel sources including the sun, wind, moving water, organic plant and waste material, and the earth's heat. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 provides a federal subsidy for public utilities to consider building and operating their own generation resources. The Council expects that SCL's report will include consideration of potential federal subsidies.

SCL's 2022 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) projects that in the next decade SCL will likely need to acquire additional power resources, such as local commercial or community solar projects, wind generated offshore and in Montana, and customer demand response programs. The Council adopted the 2022 IRP via Resolution 32061 in August 2022 and will consider an updated IRP again in 2024.

SCL should report to the Economic Development, Technology, and City Light Committee by October 1, 2023.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Economic Development, Technology, and City Light

Date Due to Council: October 1, 2023