

BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; granting authority to accept and execute revenue and funding source agreements to support the operation and services of the Lighting Design Lab; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation will provide City Light’s General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, the authority to execute and potentially amend agreements with funding partners of the Lighting Design Lab.

Established in 1988, the Lighting Design Lab (LDL) is a Pacific Northwest regional lighting education and demonstration center for the advancement, training, promotion, and support of quality energy-efficient lighting technologies and practices. The LDL is operated and funded by the City of Seattle, City Light Department, with collaboration and varying forms of funding and sponsorship from many public and private electrical utilities, conservation partners such as the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) and Bonneville Power Administration, and the U.S. Department of Energy. The City Light Department has provided the majority of LDL’s funding since 2008, with other revenue coming from limited sponsorships, grants, and donations from LDL sponsors.

The City of Seattle, through its City Light Department, has been a leader in energy efficiency for over 30 years. Supporting the LDL’s continued operations and modernization helps maintain that leadership position in the Pacific Northwest region. The LDL sponsors have expressed interest or willingness to donate or financially support the LDL under formal revenue and funding source agreements, which would relieve some of the burden of operations funding by the City Light Department. An ongoing authorization to accept funds from other sources, along with the authority to execute formal funding source agreements and other legal instruments necessary to accept revenue will allow the City Light Department to reduce its funding of the LDL through Light Fund monies while ensuring that the operations of the LDL are sustained in furtherance of its mission as described above.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

_____ **This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.**

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?
No.
- b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?
Yes. City Light will not be able to enter into agreements to accept revenue from regional utilities and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance provided to support the Lighting Design Lab operations. If the legislation is not implemented City Light will need to fund operations without regional funding support.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No.
- d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation? No.
No.
- e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
No.
- f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?
No.
- g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?
No.
- h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

N/A
- i) Other Issues: None

List attachments below: