

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE adopting a budget, including a capital improvement program and position modifications, for The City of Seattle for 2026; and creating positions exempt from civil service; all by a 2/3 vote of the City Council.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This ordinance adopts The City of Seattle's 2026 Budget, which includes the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and position modifications for fiscal year 2026. This legislation is submitted annually to adopt The City of Seattle's budget for the next fiscal year.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

Please see the 2026-2031 Proposed/Adopted Capital Improvement Program for project pages and details.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Please see the 2026 Proposed/Adopted Budget for appropriations, revenues, and positions.

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.

Please see the Budget, CIP, and report of position modifications for detailed information regarding the financial and long-term implications of this legislation.

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.

RCW 35.32A.050 states that, “Not later than thirty days prior to the beginning of the ensuing fiscal year the City Council shall, by ordinance, adopt the budget submitted by the Mayor as modified by the City Council.” This legislation is the mechanism by which the Seattle City Council adopts the final budget for the City of Seattle.

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

All City departments are affected by this legislation. All City departments are aware of the nature of the impact.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

The City Council’s Select Budget Committee will hold public hearings on October 7 and November 6, 2025.

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.

Please see the RSJI summary section for an overview and individual department/program descriptions for detailed description of how the Budget impacts Race and Social Justice Initiative principles.

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.

Individual programs and initiatives are described in detail in the Budget and CIP.

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.

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- 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?**

New and expanded programs are described in detail in the Budget and CIP.

- 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.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None.