

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the solid waste system of The City of Seattle; amending Ordinance 121940, as amended by Ordinance 122498, to conform Ordinance 121940 to reflect changes recently made by the City to update its standard form of bond ordinance; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: Ordinance 121940 authorizes the City to refund (refinance) Solid Waste System bonds in order to capture interest rate savings. The attached legislation amends that ordinance to conform to the City's other current bond ordinances (which were revised last year to address recent statutory changes).

When market interest rates fall, substantial savings may be realized if the City can act quickly to refund (refinance) its outstanding bonds. Over the past 10 years, the City and its utilities have saved over millions of dollars through such strategic refundings. When a refunding opportunity emerges, there may not be sufficient time for the City to follow its normal process of drafting, reviewing, and adopting an authorizing ordinance. The attached legislation authorizes the City to refund any of its outstanding solid waste system bonds under certain conditions. The City's Debt Management Policy Advisory Committee must approve all bond issues. In addition, refundings are guided by the Council-adopted Debt Management Policies. As always, Council must still approve the bond resolution for each issue.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This legislation has 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?**

This legislation enables the City to act more quickly to take advantage of savings opportunities.

- b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**
Small changes in market interest rates can result in substantial losses to the City.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
SPU and FAS.
- d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
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?**
N/A
- 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:**

List attachments below: