**2016 Seattle City Council Green Sheet**

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**Budget Action Title:** Pass C.B. 118528 - Repeal of Ordinance 122199 related to the Tonnage Tax

Has CIP Amendment: No

Has Budget Proviso: No

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

Staff Analyst: Peter Lindsay

Council Bill or Resolution: 118528

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***Budget Action description:***

This green sheet recommends passage of C.B. 118528, repealing Ordinance 122199 related to the Tonnage Tax.

The proposed ordinance would repeal Ordinance 122199; effectively depositing all tonnage tax revenue into the General Subfund (GSF) rather than the Solid Waste Fund. The tonnage tax is a long-standing business tax on entities hauling and disposing of solid waste within City limits. Revenue is deposited into the Solid Waste Fund and used to pay for certain activities such as the clean-up of illegal dumping, graffiti removal and rat abatement. As Seattle has been successful in reducing the volume of solid waste generated City-wide there has been a commensurate decrease in the amount of tonnage tax revenue available to fund the Clean City program. As a result, GSF revenue has been used to fill the gap caused by decreasing tonnage tax revenue. Rather than making budgetary decisions on the margin – the necessary GSF support to fully fund the Clean City program—this ordinance aligns revenues so budgetary decisions can be made against the program as a whole.