

## 2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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### SPD-111S-A

Request that SPD report on federal immigration enforcement policies

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide a report to the Public Safety Committee on the implementation plan for Executive Order (EO) 2025-07 – City of Seattle Response to Potential National Guard Deployment, and EO 2025-08 - Strengthening Seattle’s Response to Federal Threats to Immigration and Refugee Communities, to include:

(1) A description of the process used to develop the Directive noted in EO 2025-8 Section 3.C., and whether Seattle’s police accountability partners participated in its development: the Community Police Commission, Office of the Inspector General for Public Safety and Office of Police Accountability;

(2) Indicating whether the department will incorporate into the SPD Policy Manual the practices, procedures and policies outlined in the Directive referenced in EO 2025-8, and whether Seattle’s accountability partners will review such policies as required by the Accountability Ordinance (ORD 125315) section 3.29.410.C.;

(3) Outlining how the department will ensure that its line level officers and patrol supervisors are trained for, and know how to quickly access department policies on, interactions with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers that may include:

a. An ICE officer requesting immediate, on-scene assistance with an arrest or detention that ICE characterizes as enforcement against criminal activity per federal code restricting illegal entry or prior deportation;

b. ICE officers requesting immediate, on-scene assistance with immigration enforcement operations that result in a need for peacekeeping activities such as crowd control or traffic management;

c. ICE officers who use excessive force during an arrest or detention, such that an SPD officer becomes compelled to comply with RCW 10.93.190 Peace Officer Duty to Intervene;

d. Individuals who appear to potentially be, or are acting in a manner that creates the perception that they are ICE officers involved in immigration enforcement activities, but are not identifiable as federal agents, and who may be concealing their identities using masks; and

e. ICE officers or officials who attempt to compel SPD assistance in securing physical evidence or sharing data captured during an ICE enforcement operation or at a city event that could include residents’ exercising their First Amendment rights.

(4) Indicating whether the Executive and SPD plan to work with the City Attorney’s Office to develop a plan for defending the City against legal actions that would compel the City to share physical evidence,

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data or information that may assist ICE with immigration enforcement, including enforcement characterized as criminal under federal immigration code.

SPD should submit the report to the Public Safety Committee and Central Staff Director on March 1, 2026. SPD may be requested to appear before the Committee in January 2026 to provide a status update on its efforts to implement EO 2025-07 and EO 2025-08.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Public Safety

**DUE DATE:** March 1, 2026