

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION stating The City of Seattle’s intent to address climate change and improve resiliency as part of the One Seattle update to the Comprehensive Plan.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

This resolution declares the City’s intent to focus on climate change and resiliency as part of the One Seattle update to the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The resolution recognizes the importance of addressing climate change, improving resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and centering environmental justice as a core part of the update to the City’s plan for growth over the next twenty years. The resolution states that the City intends to add new and update existing goals and policies, identifies key topics to address in the update, and identifies information that the City will need to guide the update. The Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD), Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), and Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) are collaborating on this work.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

In the 2022 Adopted Budget the City allocated \$895,000 for outreach and environmental review for the Comprehensive Plan update. Additional funding may be needed in 2023 and 2024 to complete this work. The work on climate change and environmental resilience is a key component of the update and will be incorporated into this broader work.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

The Washington State Legislature has considered legislation, House Bill (HB) 1099, which would have required the City to address climate change, resiliency, and environmental justice in its next update to the Comprehensive Plan. While HB 1099 was not adopted in 2022, if the Legislature does adopt a similar bill in 2023, and the City were not prepared to holistically address these issues in the plan update, it would increase the costs of both outreach and

engagement and environmental review. Additionally, failure to consider the impacts of climate change as part of the Comprehensive Plan update could cause the City to be unprepared for potential hazards created by the changing climate (e.g., sea-level rise, landslides, flooding, wildfire smoke, etc.).

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
Yes. OPCD, SDOT and OSE will all be involved in implementing this legislation. They have been consulted in the drafting of the Resolution and have staff assigned to long-range planning efforts.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No
- c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No
- d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
The Comprehensive Plan affects all properties across the City.
- e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**
The Resolution is explicitly focused on addressing historic and current disparities and impacts to vulnerable populations and improving environmental justice. It states the City's intent to address climate change and increase resilience using a racial equity lens.
- f. Climate Change Implications**
- 1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**
The resolution states the City's commitment to incorporate climate change considerations into the update to Seattle's Comprehensive Plan for growth over the next twenty years. That work should result in a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and other climate pollutants compared to a planning process that doesn't consider these issues.
 - 2. 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.**
The resolution helps to provide a focus on resilience in the update to Seattle's Comprehensive Plan for growth over the next twenty years. That work should result in a more resilient City compared to a planning process that doesn't consider these issues.

- g. 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)?**

Not applicable