

**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:** AN ORDINANCE relating to the electric system of The City of Seattle; adopting a system or plan of additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal light and electric power generation, transmission, and distribution system of the City; authorizing the issuance and sale of municipal light and power revenue bonds for the purposes of providing funds to pay part of the cost of carrying out that system or plan, providing for the reserve fund requirement (if any), and paying the costs of issuance of the bonds; providing parameters for the bond sale terms including conditions, covenants, and other sale terms; describing the lien of the bonds and authorizing their issuance as either senior lien parity bonds or junior lien bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation provides the legal authorization to issue up to \$200 million of bonds in 2021 to fund a portion of capital expenditures for Seattle City Light’s system, as set forth by the 2020-2025 capital plan. This legislation also authorizes up to \$150 million of additional borrowing for potential debt optimization. Debt optimization involves replacing high interest debt with low interest debt to reduce overall interest costs – without increasing the debt burden or extending the term of outstanding debt.

Although the budget, capital plan and rates make specific assumptions about the use of debt financing for a certain share of the capital program, separate authorization for the issuance of bonds is technically required.

A City Light bond sale for \$200 million of fixed rate debt is anticipated to occur in August 2021. The bond proceeds combined with internally generated funds will support City Light’s capital program for about one year. The bond proceeds will also be used to make a deposit to the bond reserve fund and to pay issuance costs. Bonds would have a maximum maturity of 30 years. No debt service payments are expected in 2021.

Major projects supported by the bond issue include: Boundary Licensing Mitigation, Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Utility Relocations and the replacement of overhead and underground distribution equipment. For further information about City Light’s capital projects, please see the 2020-2025 capital plan.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
This legislation affects FAS, who coordinates the issuance of the bonds.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No
- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**  
No
- d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No
- e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No
- f. 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?**  
None/No
- 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).**  
No

**List attachments/exhibits below:** None