

Amendment H Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Juvenile Access to an Attorney

Effect: This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to clarifying exceptions to statutory requirements for law enforcement to provide a juvenile with access to an attorney.

Under RCW 13.40.740, law enforcement must provide a juvenile with access to an attorney before the juvenile may waive any constitutional rights if a law enforcement officer:

- (1) Questions a juvenile during custodial interrogation;
- (2) Detains a juvenile based on probable cause of involvement in criminal activity; or
- (3) Requests that a juvenile provide consent to a search.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Public Safety

- Champion legislation that fosters a safer environment for everyone by giving local jurisdictions tools and funding to uphold justice, protect communities, and ensure accountability.
- Clarify applicability of exceptions to statutory requirements for juvenile access to attorneys when contacted by law enforcement for any juvenile who may be a victim of a crime or witness to a crime.

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