

2023 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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CBO	600	A	001-2023

Budget Action Title: Request that CBO report on use of 9-1-1 excise tax revenue

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Members:

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Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	SN
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the City Budget Office (CBO) report on the use of 9-1-1 excise tax revenue, policies around such use, and planned one-time and ongoing expenditures from this revenue.

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW 82.14B.030) authorizes King County to impose a county 9-1-1 excise tax on consumers of switched access (wireline) lines, radio access (wireless telephone numbers) lines, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services, and prepaid wireless services to support the operational costs of providing 911 services and efforts to modernize its existing 9-1-1 communications system. King County collects this tax, at a current rate of \$.70 per line per month, and the King County 9-1-1 Program Office allocates revenues to the County's 12 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) on the basis of call volume. King County maintains an escrow account for each PSAP and deposits tax revenues on a quarterly basis. Unspent revenues accrue in these escrow accounts as account balance.

The City's two PSAPs are the Fire Alarm Center (FAC) at the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) and the Community Safety and Communications Center (CSCC). This SLI requests that CBO provide separate reports on county 9-1-1 excise tax revenue that flows to the FAC and the CSCC. Each report should provide (1) a list of reimbursement requests from the escrow account for 2018 through 2022 and a list of planned or anticipated reimbursement requests from the escrow account for 2023 through 2025, including a description of each expenditure and whether it was/will be one-time or ongoing; (2) any applicable policies or accepted practices governing the use of these revenues and/or the treatment of account balance in the escrow account; (3) a description of how the department and/or CBO determines that 9-1-1 excise tax revenue is an appropriate funding source for a given expenditure thus a reimbursement request should be made; and (4) financial plans, if any, related to funds in the escrow account.

CBO should submit the report to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director by June 1, 2023.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety and Human Services

Date Due to Council:

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