

2023 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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HSD	602	A	001-2023

Budget Action Title: Request that HSD provide a report on the Public Defender Association's use of subcontractors and use of Council-added funding

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Sara Nelson

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Ann Gorman

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 Human Services Department (HSD) provide a report to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee (PSHS) Committee on (1) the Public Defender Association's (PDA's) use of subcontractors to perform City-funded work in support of its Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) program and (2) the PDA's specific use of funding added by Council in 2023 to support the expansion of LEAD and its pursuit of ongoing non-City funding for this purpose. The report should be submitted by June 30, 2023.

Regarding item (1) above, the report should provide the following information on a per-subcontractor basis: contract spending for 2023 to-date and projected for the full year, broken out by subcontractor payment and PDA administrative costs, a description of the body-of-work the subcontractor is performing and the specific ways it supports LEAD's arrest-diversion mission, the metrics by which the PDA monitors subcontractor performance, documentable and auditable outcomes of the subcontractor's work as they support LEAD's arrest-diversion mission, the approximate number of FTE funded by the subcontract, and the PDA's rationale for using a subcontractor.

Regarding item (2) above, the report should detail the PDA's work to date in 2023 to ensure that LEAD is "supported through a secure mix of public funding sources, including City funding and some combination of County, state, federal, and Medicaid funding," consistent with the Council's intent for the program's operation at scale, as described in Resolution 31916. The report should also provide, for funding added by the Council in 2023, an itemized list of how these funds have been spent and are projected to be spent and, for each item, documentable and auditable outcomes of the expenditures.

The report should be submitted to the Chair of the PSHS Committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety and Human Services

Date Due to Council: June 30, 2023

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