

## 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 organization of City government; clarifying the structure for the Charter position of Director of Finance; repealing Section 3.39.033 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 3.39.010, 3.39.030, 3.39.035, and 3.39.070 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:** This legislation is intended to resolve confusion created by conflicting provisions of the Seattle City Charter and the Seattle Municipal Code.

The Department of Finance and the Director of Finance are a Charter office and Charter position, respectively. (Seattle City Charter Article VIII, Section 1.) During a reorganization of City government in 2010, the Finance Department was made a division of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (Ordinance 123361). One provision of that legislation indicated that the Director of Finance “shall report to the Director of Finance and Administrative Services.” This provision causes confusion as the Director of Finance is a Charter position that requires Mayoral appointment and approval by the City Council.

This legislation clarifies that the Director of Finance is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The subordinate employees in the Department of Finance (the “Office of City Finance” in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services) report to the Director of Finance and the Director of Finance remains the appointing authority for those subordinate employees. The Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) will continue to provide administrative support to the Department of Finance (Office of City Finance), including accounting, budgetary, and human resources services. It also signals the intent of the Mayor and Council to evaluate the City’s budget, finance, and forecasting functions in future years.

### **2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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

### **3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?**                                     Yes  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?**  
No.

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

The organizational and reporting structure between the Department of Finance and the Department of Finance and Administrative Services could remain unclear.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

The Department of Finance and Administrative Services, including the Office of City Finance (the Department of Finance as authorized by the Seattle City Charter).

**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?**

No.

**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?**

N/A

**f. Climate Change Implications**

**1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

No.

**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.**

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)?**

N/A