SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION setting out public-safety related funding priorities in anticipation of a proposal that the City impose the additional one-tenth of one percent local option public safety sales tax authorized by the 2025 State Legislature.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This resolution states Council's intent to consider legislation that would implement a new one-tenth of one percent sales tax, as authorized by a new State statute. The uses of the revenues raised by this tax are limited to public safety purposes, but that definition includes not only direct support for law enforcement, but also for complementary services, such as outreach to and treatment of those with substance abuse disorders and/or other mental health challenges. Acknowledging that limitation, the resolution also recommends that up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the approximate $35 million that this new tax could raise be allocated to programs and projects that offer substance abuse treatment.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

If yes, please fill out the table below and attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page. If no, please delete the table.

Project Name:	Master Project I.D.:	Project Location:	Start Date:	End Date:	Total Project Cost Through 2030:

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

If there are no projected changes to expenditures, revenues, or positions, please delete the table below.

While it expresses Council's intent to consider legislation authorizing the new public safety sales tax, and identifies potential funding priorities for the revenues that would result, this resolution includes no binding actions that affect City revenues, expenditures, or position authority.

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.
None.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department. There are no direct implications for other departments. If the Council were to follow through, authorize the tax, and allocate some share of the resulting revenues as proposed, this could affect the Human Services Department, the CARE Department, and others involved in serving those with drug addiction issues and/or mental health challenges.

b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? No

c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Sales taxes are regressive by nature and thus place a disproportionate financial burden on those with lower incomes. Given that people of color have lower average incomes, the financial impact of the tax increment would disproportionately fall on this group. However, to the extent that people of color are also disproportionately represented among those who are impacted by substance abuse and addiction, the services targeted for funding by this resolution could offer specific benefits to these individuals.

d. Climate Change Implications None

e. 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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?

The resolution does not initiate a new program, but it does identify the potential to fund a number of new drug addiction treatment services, with the goal of reducing the overall impact of drug use on individuals and the broader local community. The resolution identifies that any new programs would be subject to an ongoing effectiveness assessment.

5. CHECKLIST

Please click the appropriate box if any of these questions apply to this legislation.

☐ **Is a public hearing required?** No

☐ **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?** No

☐ **If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?** N/A

☐ **Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?** No

If yes, please review requirements in Resolution 31203 for applicability and complete and attach "Additional risk analysis and fiscal analysis for non-utility partner projects" form.

6. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None