

BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION reaffirming The City of Seattle's support of Somali communities to continue remittances to Somalia and the Horn of Africa.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The proposed resolution reaffirms the City's support of the Somali community in their desire to support their loved ones in Somalia and the Horn of Africa. The resolution includes a request for the City to work with concerned parties to find an amicable solution that facilitates the normal flow of remittances in the Horn of Africa and Somalia.

Out of concerns that remittances originating in the U.S. are being sent to Somalia and the Horn of Africa to fund terrorist activities, the federal government now prohibits these transactions. Doing so has created a hardship on Seattle's Somali community and their family and friends who rely on remittances for basic needs including food, water, shelter and education. So far, the federal government has taken no steps to rescind or re-think the policy. The City wishes to explore whether there is a local solution to the problem.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

 This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

 X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?
 No.

- b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**
No.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
Yes, this legislation affects the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City Attorney's Office, and the Finance Department.
- d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No.
- e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No.
- f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No.
- g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**
This legislation has a direct impact on nearly 4,000 Somalis who are residents to this City and thousands more are estimated to be in King County. The City has made advancing equity for immigrant and refugee communities a priority. In this instance, we are trying to ensure equitable access to financial services.
- h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**
N/A
- i) Other Issues:**
None.

List attachments below: