

## 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: A RESOLUTION recognizing the obstacles faced by previously incarcerated individuals that often result in recidivism, and the potential to reduce recidivism rates, criminal justice costs, and incarceration's negative impacts on individuals, the community, and the City of Seattle; requesting the Mayor to establish a Prisoner and Community Corrections Re-entry Work Group composed of residents, City departments, the Seattle Municipal Court, and the Legislative Department to coordinate and strengthen the City's efforts to assist prisoner community re-entry.

#### **Summary and background of the Legislation:**

This Resolution recognizes the multiple barriers individuals with a past criminal conviction face in re-integrating into the community, often resulting in their recidivism, and that there are actions the City can take to reduce these barriers. This Resolution; 1) re-affirms the City's support for HS 1553, introduced in the State Legislature in 2015, which would remove state barriers to occupational licenses and certifications based on a conviction resulting in increased employment opportunities for people with criminal convictions, 2) requests the Mayor to convene a Prisoner and Community Corrections Re-entry Work Group (Work Group) including residents and representatives of the Mayor, Office of Housing, Seattle Office for Civil Rights, Human Services Department, Legislative Department and Seattle Municipal Court to identify ways the City can reduce or remove barriers to successful re-entry, strengthen coordination with other criminal justice agencies and recommend changes to or additional policies, ordinances, strategies or programs the City can implement. This work should include coordination with the Housing Affordability and Livability Advisory Committee (HALA) recommendations. The Work Group is requested to develop a schedule and anticipated deliverables and report regularly to the Council's Public Safety, Civil Rights and Technology Committee or Council committee with oversight of public safety.

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

Please check one:

**This legislation does not have direct financial implications.**  
(Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-i.)

### 3.c. Positions

**This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.**

(If this box is checked, please complete this section. If this box is not checked, please proceed to Other Implications)

Position Notes:

The 2016 Adopted City Budget is anticipated to add an 1.0 FTE added to the Office for Civil Rights to work on both the Zero Detention efforts outlined in Resolution 31614 and the work on Prisoner and Community Corrections Re-entry identified in this Resolution. The position is a SA2 General Government position funded by GSF.

### 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?** It is anticipated that efforts to help individuals with a criminal conviction history, will increase their ability to find and retain employment and stable housing and reduce future recidivism rates.
- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?** See a.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
Yes, the legislation anticipates the creation of a work group with representatives of the Mayor, Office of Housing, Seattle Office for Civil Rights, Human Services Department, Legislative Department and Seattle Municipal Court
- 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?**  
Yes, data reflects a disproportionate incarceration rate for people of color, both locally and nationally with a concomitant disproportionate impact on communities of color.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**