

**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 expressing the City Council’s intent to improve the accommodation of people with hearing disabilities in City facilities.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** This resolution expresses the City Council’s intent to improve the accommodation of people with hearing disabilities in City facilities. It calls for employing the best technology feasible and reporting on the accommodation of people with hearing disabilities in City facilities.

**2. Not Applicable**

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Please check one:

**This legislation has direct financial implications.** (If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the “Other Implications” section.)

**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.a. Appropriations – Not Applicable**

**3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements – Not Applicable**

**3.c. Positions – Not Applicable**

**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?** The resolution is aspirational in nature and therefore has no financial impacts. City officials would be required to make certain considerations and reports. No increased staffing costs are expected. Any proposals to provide facilities in response to the intent of this resolution would have their own financial implications which would be considered with those proposals.

- b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**  
Accommodation of persons with hearing loss would be given less consideration.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** All City departments that renovate or construct new facilities that are used for public meetings or activities would be requested report to the City Council on efforts to include hearing assistive measures when making requests for such renovation or construction.

Also, the Director of the City's Department of Finance and Administrative Services would be requested to report to the Finance and Budget Committee, or its successor, by March 1, 2016 on how the City will accommodate people with hearing disabilities in City public facilities using the most current and most effective technology.

- 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 would improve City consideration of the needs of persons with hearing disabilities.

- 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.**  
The long-term measurable goals of this program are increased City consideration and dialogue about the accommodation of the needs of people with hearing loss when renovating or constructing City facilities that are used for public meetings or activities.
- i) Other Issues:**

**List attachments/exhibits below:**