

MEMORANDUM

To: Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts Committee

Councilmember Herbold, Chair
Councilmember Sawant, Vice-Chair
Councilmember O'Brien, Member

From: Peter Lindsay, Council Central Staff

Date: August 4, 2016

Subject: SPU Grant Acceptance Ordinance – CB 118745

C.B. 118745 authorizes the Director of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to accept grants on behalf of the City for the express purpose of implementing and expanding SPU's program to locate and eliminate sources of human sewage in surface waters in Seattle and watersheds that drain to Seattle. A current pilot program using autonomous dataloggers has been successful in increasing the probability of locating and eliminating sources of human sewage and reducing exposure to the public in streams and swimming beaches. King County's Department of Natural Resources is a partner in SPU's pilot program

SPU has been awarded two grants totaling \$570,000 from King County to expand the human fecal bacteria identification program in Thornton Creek, Pipers Creek and several watersheds outside of the City including potential City annexation areas. The legislation appropriates each grant to the Drainage and Wastewater Fund for the purposes described above.

Central Staff have reviewed the legislation and have no specific issues or concerns at this time. Please let me know if you have any additional questions regarding this legislation or require a briefing prior to the August 9 committee meeting.

cc: Kirstan Arestad, Central Staff Executive Director