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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

- a. **Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION expressing The City of Seattle's commitment to being a more age-friendly city under the criteria established by the World Health Organization and the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.
- b. **Summary and background of the Legislation:** As the population of older adults in the City of Seattle increases, this resolution commits the City to taking great consideration of age-friendly actions. Specifically, the resolution asks City departments to develop goals and indicators of success centered around the World Health Organization's Eight Domains of Livability. In addition, the resolution lays out department-specific early action items for 2017 as follows:

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- Seattle Department of Transportation: Improve the pedestrian environment by assessing sidewalks with the involvement of seniors, implement walkability audits, promote transportation options for older adults, and incorporate age-friendly criteria into the Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation Plan for 2018-2022.
- Human Services Department: Increase usage of the Regional Reduced Fare Permit with King County Metro, improve aging services provided or facilitated by the City by implementing a "no wrong door" program structure.
- Human Services Department, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Office of Sustainability and Environment: Involve seniors in the development and engagement process for new capital investments and increase participation in senior-focused recreation and healthy food programs.
- Humans Services Department and Office of Housing: Collaborate on development of a regional housing action plan to assess senior housing needs, identify low-income seniors to participate in the Utility Discount Program and the senior property tax exemption program; increase access to weatherization services, home repair, and foreclosure prevention programs; and evaluate feasibility of senior home-sharing options.

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In addition to early actions, the resolution also commits to two community equity forums—one focused on the needs to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender elders; the other on the needs of older women—and to further system improvements to provide older adults with better access to human services and City resources, based on best practices and innovative solutions from other cities and new technologies.

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HSD will also design an Innovation Fund to identify and award funds for unique and creative projects that meet community needs. The first year will focus on Age-Friendly Seattle.

The City will consider suggestions for age-friendly improvements in the 2018 budget and will report on the progress of the initial three-year plan to the Human Services and Public Health Committee, or other appropriate City Council committee, in 2021.

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2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes No

b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

Some of the early action items outlined in the Resolution have existing funding in the 2017 Adopted Budget. Specifically, the 2017 Adopted Budget includes \$400,000 of funding for a sidewalk condition assessment by SDOT, which will support the early action items involving sidewalk review outlined above.

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In addition, the 2017 First Quarter Supplemental budget will include a proposal for \$200,000 of funding to be used on the following activities in 2017:

- \$125,000 of seed funding for the Age Friendly Innovation Fund
- \$50,000 for capacity-building support to volunteer transportation programs
- \$25,000 for an Age Friendly community technology event

Recommendations following the early action items which have budget impacts beyond those being added in the 2017 first quarter supplemental budget will be evaluated as part of the development of the 2018 budget and beyond.

c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

No.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Action items identified in this Resolution have impacts for the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Human Services Department, the Office of Housing, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

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Racial disparities in health, well-being and economic security are compounded by age. Among older adults, communities of color are more likely to report being in poorer health than whites and are less likely to reap the benefits of increased life expectancy. Increasing racial equity is one of the four major goals of Age-Friendly Seattle. Among the strategies for achieving this goal is to integrate an age-friendly lens into the City's equity initiatives, such as its Race and Social Justice Initiative.

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g. 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).

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The four goal areas are:

- Increase social participation;
- Decrease displacement;
- Increase racial equity; and
- Increase awareness of the opportunities and challenges of an aging population.

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h. Other Issues:

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