### 2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

## **Ready for Notebook**

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$9,500 GSF to the Hearing Examiner budget to cover increased workload.

Ongoing: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Primary Sponsor: Bagshaw, Sally

Councilmembers: Harrell; Johnson; Juarez; O'Brien

Staff Analyst: Bob Morgan

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	KH	LG	ВН	LH	RJ	DJ	МО	KS
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

## **Summary of Dollar Effect**

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2017 Increase (Decrease)	2018 Increase (Decrease)		
General Subfund				
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0		
General Subfund Expenditures	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$9,500</u>		
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$9,500)		
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$9,500)		

### **Budget Action description:**

This green sheet would add \$9,500 GSF to the Hearing Examiner budget to address potential delays in (1) permitting of large City projects and (2) Council consideration of broadly applicable, new development regulations. Delays could be caused by recent workload increases, and a number of expected major State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) appeals in 2018.

#### **Background**

In 2016, Hearing Examiner decisions on appeals exceeded those is 2015 by 20 percent and 2017 decisions, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, have already exceeded those in all of 2016.

In 2018 several major appeals of the sufficiency of SEPA - required Environmental Impact Statements are possible, including those associated with:

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- Key Arena Redevelopment,
- Citywide Mandatory Housing Affordability Implementation,
- Fort Lawton redevelopment, and
- Changes to Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations

The Hearing Examiner has estimated that, if additional SEPA appeals require handing off four lower profile cases to a Pro Tem Hearing Examiner, the total cost would be \$9,500.

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# **Budget Action Transactions**

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriation for pro tem assistance to address increased workload				нхм	Office of Hearing Examiner	V1X00	00100	2018		\$9,500