

2019 - 2020 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Pass C.B. 119395 - SPU drainage and wastewater system bond ordinance

Ongoing: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Chair

Councilmembers:

Staff Analyst: Brian Goodnight

Council Bill or Resolution: C.B. 119395

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	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
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Budget Action description:

This green sheet recommends passage of C.B. 119395, Seattle Public Utilities' (SPU) 2019 drainage and wastewater system bond ordinance. This C.B. would amend Ordinance 125454, which was approved along with the 2018 Adopted budget, to authorize up to \$350 million of 30-year fixed-rate bonds to fund a portion of capital expenditures for the City's drainage and wastewater system. SPU is currently also pursuing Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) financing through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Ship Canal Water Quality Project and, if awarded, some of the debt authorized by this bill would be composed of WIFIA loans rather than bonds. SPU anticipates selling the bonds in mid-2019 and expects that this level of debt, combined with other sources of funding, would support the capital program for approximately 18 months. SPU estimates the annual debt service to be about \$16.5 million, starting in 2020.
