

2019 - 2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Request that HSD provide guidelines for homelessness service provision to the LGBTQ community

Ongoing: No

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This statement of legislative intent would request the Human Services Department (HSD) to submit guidelines for homelessness service contracts to ensure adequate services to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer and/or questioning (LGBTQ) community.

HSD should develop guidance for serving LGBTQ individuals and families in conjunction with LGBTQ organizations that serve transgender people, LGBTQ people of color, LGBTQ seniors, LGBTQ survivors of domestic violence, those living with HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ young adults. HSD should strongly consider recommendations from the Seattle LGBTQ Commission and other Seattle Office for Civil Rights commissions that intersect with LGBTQ issues. HSD should consider recommendations such as, but not limited to, ensuring access to housing, services and facilities for transitioning, genderqueer and/or gender non-conforming individuals, allowing individuals to self-identify when accessing services regardless of identity documents, and enhancing access to bathrooms or other potentially gender segregated spaces/services such as, but not limited to, showers and clothing distribution.

The report should provide recommended guidelines and a timeline for their implementation. HSD should submit the report to the Chair of the Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts Committee and the Central Staff Director by April 30, 2019.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee

Date Due to Council: April 30, 2019