

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

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Green New Deal for Seattle; establishing the Green New Deal Oversight Board; providing compensation for those who incur a financial hardship by their participation on the Board; requesting that the Office of Sustainability and Environment create an interdepartmental team to advance the Green New Deal for Seattle; amending Section 3.14.970 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Section 3.14.979 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation would establish a Green New Deal Oversight Board (Board), supported by the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), intended to hold the City and other stakeholders accountable to implementing the Green New Deal for Seattle resolution (RES 31895). The Board would be composed of 16 members. Members would represent frontline communities, defined as those most impacted by environmental, economic, and racial injustices; labor unions; and environmental justice nonprofit organization, and also include individuals with a depth of experience in climate impacts on cities and their residents. Board members for whom participating on the Board presents a financial hardship would be eligible for hourly compensation. The legislation also requests that OSE form an interdepartmental team (IDT) to implement the Green New Deal for Seattle and support development of quantifiable climate goals for all City departments.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes No

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?

The Office of Sustainability and Environment would be responsible for staffing the proposed Board, which may eventually require the addition of staff and funding to facilitate both the work of the Board and the IDT. The financial hardship compensation is estimated to cost up to \$34,000 annually (up to \$2,000 for each regular member and \$3,000 for two co-chairpersons), assuming all members qualify. Depending on the actions identified in individual City department's climate plans, work may need to be reprioritized and additional resources identified to support the City's decarbonization goals.

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

This legislation is intended to advance Seattle’s efforts to eliminate climate pollutants and improve the lives of those communities more impacted by environmental, economic, and racial injustices. Failure to implement this legislation could hamper the City’s ability to achieve its climate and racial equity goals.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

OSE is identified as the department responsible for supporting the Board and would lead the IDT. The IDT would include representatives from the Department of Parks and Recreation, Seattle Department of Transportation, Office of Planning and Community Development, Office of Housing, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle City Light, Office of Economic Development, Seattle Department of Human Resources, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Neighborhoods, the Mayor’s Office, City Council, City Council Central Staff, and other departments as needed. All City departments are requested to create climate plans, targets, and metrics that will collectively result in decarbonization by 2030.

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? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

This legislation would create a new accountability body that will have representatives from communities most impacted by economic, environmental, and racial injustice, in addition to subject matter experts in the field of climate change impacts. This body is intended to ensure that the City is held accountable to implementing the initiatives identified in Resolution 31895. The resolution and Green New Deal Oversight Board will support the City’s goals to alleviate poverty, reduce climate change and reliance on fossil fuels, and advance racial equity by centering the voices of communities that have traditionally been excluded from positions of power and decision-making.

- 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).**

Not applicable.

List attachments/exhibits below:

None.