

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 119600: Hearing Examiner's Report on Opportunities to Improve Processes

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The Hearing Examiner is in the practice of submitting annual reports to Council on its work and workload. For its 2020 report, this amendment would ask the Hearing Examiner to identify opportunities to improve processes, procedures, or codes or identify any resource needs that could help to improve the hearing process, including any changes already made. It also asks the hearing examiner to convene a stakeholder committee to help advise the development of its recommendations.

Add a new Section 14 to Council Bill 119600 and renumber current Section 14, as follows:

Section 14. The Hearing Examiner is requested to include in its 2020 Annual Report a section identifying any opportunities to shorten, streamline or otherwise improve Hearing Examiner processes. The report should identify changes to processes or procedures, new code provisions or amendments to existing code sections, or any resources that could support the Examiner's work and improve equity in the process and outcomes for participants. The report should identify changes to the Hearing Examiner's rules that have already been made, or that are in the process of being made at the time of the report. In developing these recommendations, the Hearing Examiner shall convene a stakeholder committee consisting of members with experience going through the hearing process, expertise in environmental justice, and a representative of the City Council.

Section ~~4~~15. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.