

2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Agenda

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OED	10	A	1

Budget Action Title: Request that OED provide recommendations regarding the creation of a film commission

Ongoing: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Office of Economic Development (OED) provide recommendations regarding the creation of a film commission to serve as an independent advisory body to the City Council and Mayor on issues related to the film industry in Seattle. In the 2020 Proposed Budget, the resources previously located within the Office of Film and Music (OFM) will be repurposed to advance OED's new Creative Industry strategy. While the key functions of OFM, such as the permitting support for special events and filming, will remain unchanged, OED's broader strategy may result in a diminished focus on the film industry.

OED should determine if a film commission is necessary, and if so, describe the purpose of the commission, desired qualifications of commission members, and what resources would be needed to support the commission. To develop these recommendations, OED should consult with film industry stakeholders and the Office of Arts and Culture, as needed, and provide a report to the Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee, or successor committee, and the Council Central Staff Executive Director by March 2, 2020.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development & Arts

Date Due to Council: March 2, 2020