

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Impose a proviso on funding for the Creative Industry Policy Advisor position in OED

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Budget Action Description:

This Budget Action imposes the following budget proviso:

"None of the \$164,000 appropriated in the 2020 budget for the Creative Industry Policy Advisor (Strategic Advisor 2, exempt) in the Office of Economic Development's Business Services BSL may be spent until authorized by a future ordinance. It is anticipated that such authorization will not occur until the Chair of the Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee, or successor committee, receives and approves a report on how this position will support the diversity of workers in the Creative Industries sector, including those in the film and music industries."

Under the leadership of its new Director, OED will be implementing an Inclusive Economy Agenda, which centers racial equity in the office's core functions. Part of this initiative is OED's Creative Industry Cluster strategy, a new concept still under development. This position added in the 2020 Proposed Budget will report to the Creative Industry Director position that has not yet been filled, and is intended to support the implementation of OED's Creative Industry sector strategy with marketing, stakeholder management, and policy research and development. This proviso is intended to ensure that OED engages with film and music industry stakeholders as it develops the responsibilities for this new position and that the Creative Industry initiative prioritizes these industries.