

## 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:** A RESOLUTION relating to policing and public safety; establishing the Council's intent to create a civilian-led Department of Community Safety & Violence Prevention; identifying actions in 2020 to remove certain functions from the Seattle Police Department and provide funding for a community-led process to inform the structure and function of the new department; requesting modifications to policing practices; requesting reporting to the Council; providing guidance on layoff decisions; and establishing a work program and timeline for creating a new department.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** This Resolution responds to community demands for a new approach to policing in Seattle. It identifies a number of steps that the Council intends to take to move towards creating a civilian led department of community safety & violence prevention to oversee safety and police operations, defunding the police, and funding alternatives to policing.

The resolution:

1. Sets the goal of creating a new civilian led department to guide public safety;
2. States the Council's recognition that changes must be consistent with the consent decree;
3. Identifies functions currently located within the Seattle Police Department (SPD) that are more appropriately housed in other City agencies;
4. States the Council's intent to fund community-led activities to accompany defunding of the Police department;
5. Identifies immediate measures the City should take to reduce bias in policing;
6. Requests that the Police Chief report on the impacts of the changes contemplated in this resolution;
7. Provides a timeline that describes the steps needed to move toward a new civilian led Community Safety and Violence Prevention department; and
8. Clarifies that the City Council will not provide additional funding to SPD if the department has spent more money on overtime than was allocated in the 2020 budget or spends more money on overtime in 2021 than is allocated in that year's budget.

### **2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_X\_\_\_ No

### **3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?**    \_\_\_ Yes \_\_X\_\_ 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 legislation indicates the Council’s intent to make budgetary changes in the near term.

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

No

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

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

If so, please list the affected department(s) and the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc.).

Yes, the legislation is primarily directed at the Seattle Police Department, but outcomes of this work could affect a number of City departments.

**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?**

The legislation responds to demands from Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities for a new approach to policing that reduces bias and increases safety for all community members. The resolution identifies a series of steps that the City Council and community will take in collaboration to reinvent how the City responds to emergencies. It came out of work by BIPOC-led organizations, such as Decriminalize Seattle and the King County Equity Now coalition to reframe policing. It is focused on supporting the work of community-based organizations to provide safety for all.

- 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).**

The legislation sets up a process to reorganize and reinvent the City's approach to public safety, increasing civilian oversight and utilizing community expertise to increase safety. This process will be successful if community identifies and the City new approaches that reduce biased policing and increase public safety for all.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

None