

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 Seattle Police Department; banning the ownership, purchase, rent, storage, or use of less lethal weapons; and amending Section 3.28.146 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation would restrict City use of several less lethal weapons, including tear gas, pepper spray, and noise flash diversionary devices, and it would prohibit the use of blast balls, acoustic weapons, directed energy weapons, water cannons and ultrasonic cannons. It also provides up to 90 days for the Seattle Police Department to revise its policies with respect to the use of less lethal weapons and train officers on implementation of the new policies. If passed, the bill would supersede the total ban on less lethal weapons imposed by Ordinance 126102, which was passed by Council on June 15, 2020 and is currently subject to a preliminary injunction by the US District Court.

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?
No

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
Without this legislation, the City’s use of less lethal weapons will not be subject to the proposed restrictions on several less lethal weapons, including tear gas and pepper spray, or to the prohibition on the use of blast balls, acoustic weapons, directed energy weapons, water cannons and ultrasonic cannons.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

e. 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?

A more limited framework for the City's use of less lethal weapons, as proposed in this legislation, should benefit vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities who have been disproportionately impacted by police use of force.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

No

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

No

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).

N/A