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Summary and Fiscal Note

1. Legislation Summary

Department: Legislative Department

Title: A resolution affirming the importance of Seattle Center as a central civic, cultural, and economic asset for The City of Seattle; acknowledging the urgent imperative to restore its aging infrastructure and grounds, renovate its buildings, and revitalize the Seattle Center Campus; requesting that the Mayor direct City departments in a capital planning effort for Seattle Center; anticipating a decision on a bond measure to fund its capital investment by the end of 2027; committing to exploring all viable funding options to support its modernization; declaring Council priorities and calling upon the Executive to direct departmental resources and budget allocations in support of its capital improvements.

Background: With this resolution, the Council affirms the importance of Seattle Center; acknowledges the imperative for capital appropriations for Seattle Center; and requests that the Mayor direct City departments in capital planning efforts. It commits Council to a decision on a bond measure to fund its capital investment for the ballot no later than November of 2027. It also calls for exploring all viable funding options for Seattle Center and asks the Executive to direct departmental resources and budget allocations in support of its capital improvements. Finally, it lists specific projects that Council supports. In the first section of the resolution, Council finds and declares key facts,

history and conditions of Seattle Center leading to Council's intention to increase capital funding.

Summary Attachments: None.

2. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?

Yes

No

a. CIP Project Name:

b. Master Project ID:

c. Project Location:

d. Start Date:

e. End Date:

f. Total Project Cost Through 2030:

3. Summary of Financial Implications

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?

Yes

No

The legislation does not have financial impacts to the City. However, the intent of the resolution is to avoid costly, short-term capital repairs to Seattle Center facilities and grounds while maintaining the City's long-term investment.

3d. Other Financial Impacts

- a. Does this legislation create any other financial impacts for The City of Seattle, such as direct or indirect costs, one-time or ongoing, that aren't mentioned above? If yes, please explain these impacts.**

There will likely be indirect costs, such as staff time, to implement the actions intended in the resolution.

- b. If the legislation has costs that can be covered within the current budget, explain how. Does the department have extra resources in its budget to handle these costs? Or does the department need to shift resources away from other work to handle these costs?**

If Seattle Center and other departments act according to the intentions of the resolution in 2026, then they will be required to adjust current budgets to accommodate any associated costs. For 2027 and into the future, the resolution calls for budget allocations to carry out the intended actions.

- c. What financial costs or other impacts might happen if this legislation is not implemented?**

None known. The resolution expresses intent for Executive and Council actions, which could still happen even if the legislation is not passed. The intent of the resolution would be to avoid costs or other impacts related to deferring capital investment in Seattle Center.

- d. How might this legislation affect other City departments besides the one that proposed it?**

The City Budget Office, Department of Transportation, Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities, and others would commit resources to planning and securing funding for Seattle Center capital investment.

4. Other Impacts

- a. Does this legislation require a public hearing?**

Yes

No

b. Does this legislation require a notice to be published in The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times?

Yes

No

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

Yes, the intent of the resolution is to positively impact the campus and buildings of the Seattle Center.

d. Race and Social Justice Initiative impacts:

1. How does this legislation affect vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you come to this conclusion? Please consider both impacts within City government (like employees and internal programs) and in the broader community.

Not applicable.

2. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses used to develop or assess this legislation.

Not applicable.

3. What is the Language Access Plan for communicating with the public about this legislation?

Not applicable.

e. Climate change impacts:

1. Emissions: Will this legislation significantly increase or decrease carbon emissions? Attach any studies or materials that inform your answer.

Not applicable.

2. Resiliency: Will this legislation make Seattle more or less able to adapt to climate change? If it reduces resiliency, explain what can be done to lessen the impact.

Not applicable.

f. If this legislation creates a new program or expands an existing one, what are the long-term, measurable goals? How will this legislation help achieve those goals? What methods will be used to track progress?

Not applicable.

g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP that involves shared funding with a non-City partner or organization?

No.