

Summary and Fiscal Note

1. Legislation Summary

Department: Seattle City Light

Title: A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; acknowledging and approving the 2026 Integrated Resource Plan as conforming with the public policy objectives of The City of Seattle and the requirements of the State of Washington; and approving the Integrated Resource Plan for the biennium September 2026 through August 2028.

Background: Seattle City Light's 2026 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is a long-term strategy to meet anticipated customer energy needs over the next 20 years. The 2026 IRP addresses changes in customers' power needs, existing power supply, and assumptions on new energy resource technologies and costs. Its results include identifying additions to City Light's portfolio of energy resources necessary to serve growth in customers' power needs for the study period of 2026 to 2045. This resolution approves the 2026 IRP for the biennium September 2026 through August 2028.

The 2026 IRP was informed by outreach to and participation of internal and external stakeholders, and prepared pursuant to RCW Chapter 19.280 (Electric Utility Resource Plans), which mandates Integrated Resource Planning. The intent of the IRP requirement is: (1) to encourage the development of new safe, clean, and reliable energy resources to meet demand for affordable and reliable electricity; (2) to identify and develop conservation and efficiency resources; and (3) to identify and develop methods for integrating renewable resources.

Utilities in the state of Washington must develop comprehensive resource plans that meet their customers' electricity needs over the short and long term. City Light is required to file a full Integrated Resource Plan every four years, with Progress Reports due two years after each full IRP. Integrated Resource Plans document comprehensive analyses and explain the mix of generation and demand-side resources the utility plans to use to meet their customers' electricity needs over the period covered in the plan, whereas Progress Reports reflect changing conditions and developments in those interim periods.

In accordance with RCW 19.280, the 2026 IRP requires approval by the consumer-owned utilities' governing body after public notice and hearing, and subsequent filing of the plan with the State of Washington Department of Commerce by September 1, 2026. This resolution seeks the City Council's acknowledgement and approval of City Light's 2026 full IRP. City Council approval of the 2024 Integrated Resource Plan Progress Report was obtained through Resolution 32138 in August 2024.

Summary Attachments: None.

2. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

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

Yes

No

3. Summary of Financial Implications

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?

Yes

No

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 is no direct financial impact of implementing this legislation; the adoption of this Resolution is an administrative requirement of state law. Results from the IRP will inform City Light's overall financial assumptions including the rate path.

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?

No costs.

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

The adoption of this resolution ensures that City Light meets an important requirement of state law (RCW 19.280 - Electric Utility Resource Plans).

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

No effects to other City departments.

4. Other Impacts

a. Does this legislation require a public hearing?

Yes RCW 19.280.050(1) requires the utility's governing body to approve the IRP after it has provided public notice and hearing

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? No

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.

The adoption of this Resolution is an administrative requirement of state law to file a comprehensive resource plan every two years. However, the Clean

Energy Transformation Act, CETA, has clear language that as we transition to 100% renewable/non-emitting energy sources, we must ensure we're not disproportionately burdening communities who have been historically harmed. As such, we combined our outreach with other City Light planning efforts especially since much of the type of outreach was aligned.

Outreach began by first evaluating existing community engagement reports and then initiated outreach through community events and conversations including connecting with language communities and collection over 575 responses.

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

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

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e. Climate change impacts:

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

This Resolution does not materially change Seattle's carbon emissions. The Resolution outlines a path for how City Light will continue to serve customers with greenhouse gas neutral power and make continued progress towards providing greenhouse gas free power by 2045.

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.

This Resolution does not materially change Seattle's ability to adapt to climate change. The Resolution outlines a path for how City Light will continue to serve customers reliably and meet our clean energy goals outlined by CETA.

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?

This is not a new initiative or major programmatic expansion; this effort is consistent with Seattle City Light's commitment to serve our customers with safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible electric service.

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

No.