

2012 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Review of SPU financial policies.

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) submit a report that reviews its financial policies, with an emphasis on drainage and wastewater policies including the policy for the cash contribution to the capital improvement program (CIP). The report should include:

- 1) A summary of financial policies for SPU's Funds and an explanation of why each policy target was selected.
- 2) A comparison of SPU financial policies and bond ratings to those of other comparable utilities and Seattle City Light.
- 3) An evaluation of the Drainage and Wastewater Fund cash-to-CIP policy that considers a change from a 25% CIP cash contribution to a 20% cash contribution. The evaluation should show any revenue requirement savings, the rate path through 2017 if a 20% cash-to-CIP policy were adopted and the long-term implications for debt outstanding. It also should explain any financial risks associated with such a change.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Seattle Public Utilities & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: January 31, 2012