

**2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent**

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**Budget Action Title:** OSE Sunset Positions

**Councilmembers:** Burgess; Clark; O'Brien

**Staff Analyst:** Meg Moorehead

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**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

An Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) Strategic Advisor 1 – Exempt (position #10004845) was approved by Ordinance 123932 with a December 31, 2013 sunset date. The sunset date reflected the temporary nature of funding sources supporting the position. OSE’s proposed 2014 budget adds \$128,000 of GSF to make that position permanent, but despite the 2013 sunset does not call out the position as an increase above the positions endorsed for 2014. The proposal to remove the sunset date is predicated on an ongoing body of municipal energy conservation work outlined in the yet-to-be-released Resource Conservation Management Plan (RCMP). The Council intends to make an explicit choice whenever a term-limited position is converted to a regular position. Because the RCMP is not yet complete, the case for an ongoing body of work is insufficient. However, the Council is willing to consider converting the position to a regular position as part of a future budget decision. Thus the Council intends to extend the position’s sunset date to December 31, 2014 to allow time for completion of the RCMP and evaluation of the ongoing body of work.

During approval of the 2013 budget and endorsed 2014 budget, the Council abrogated 4 Community Power Works positions for which grant funding was expiring in 2013. OSE’s proposed budget removes 3 of those positions but retains a Planning and Development, Senior (position #10004696) because grant funds are now estimated to extend to mid-2014. OSE plans to ask the Personnel Department or the City Budget Office to approve a new sunset date of June 30, 2014. The Council acknowledges the inclusion of this abrogated position in OSE’s 2014 budget, intends that its sunset date be extended to June 30, 2014, and requests a Committee update on the status of the sunset position in July 2014.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Energy and Environment

**Date Due to Council:** July 31, 2014