

2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Report from DPD on School District Building Excellence Levy facilitation and integration of green building practices.

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

It is the Council’s intent that the City expedite permitting and coordinate with the Seattle School District to speed construction of new school facilities and the upgrading of others in order to accommodate the growing number of students entering Seattle Public Schools and reduce overcrowding. Therefore, the Council requests that the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) convene an interdepartmental team, consisting of departments with regulatory authority over School District construction and the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, to identify process improvements to facilitate and coordinate review of projects funded through the School District’s Building Excellence (BEX) IV capital levy. This team shall also, in conjunction with the School District, establish a process for advising and cooperating with the School District on integration of green building practices into BEX IV projects.

The interdepartmental team shall quantify the costs of any recommended process improvements, such as the addition of temporary permit review staff, for Council consideration with a supplemental budget ordinance.

Background:

In February 2013, Seattle voters approved the Seattle School District’s BEX IV capital levy. The levy will raise approximately \$695 million over its life for new school construction, renovations, seismic retrofits, and other projects. The School District must apply for permits and receive permissions for construction from a variety of City departments including DPD, the Seattle Department of Transportation and the Department of Neighborhoods. Additionally, in May of 2013 the School District adopted [Resolution 2012/13-12](#) expressing the School District’s support for inclusion of green building techniques such as passive design in new school construction including BEX IV projects.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Planning, Land Use and Sustainability

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2014