

2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Report on assessment of City staffing and support for SOCR commissions

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Council requests that the City Budget Office (CBO) work with Council central staff on a jointly administered consultant study to assess City staffing and organizational support for the Seattle Human Rights Commission, the Seattle Women’s Commission, the Seattle Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Commission, and the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities.

The study will examine how the City can optimize collaboration with existing commissions to serve the needs and interests of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities, the Native American community, African American community, Asian Pacific Islander community, Latino community, People with disAbilities community, and the low-income community. The study will analyze the benefits and consequences of creating new offices or department divisions within city government to serve these needs. The consultant will recommend strategies and organizational structures to improve commission support and allow them to be even more successful in their work.

CBO and central staff will report back to the Council on the results of the study by September 1, 2014.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety, Civil Rights and Technology

Date Due to Council: September 1, 2014