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CITY OF SEATTLE
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A RESOLUTION supporting Washington State Initiative 522 (I-522) and expressing the support of the Seattle City Council for the mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food products so consumers can make informed choices.

WHEREAS, consumers have a right to know whether their food was produced using genetic engineering; and

WHEREAS, the potential long-term risks to public health and the environment from genetically engineered products are largely unknown; and

WHEREAS, mandatory identification of foods produced with genetic engineering can provide a critical method for tracking the potential health effects of consuming foods produced through genetic engineering; and

WHEREAS, farmers who produce organic or non-genetically engineered crops run the risk of crop contamination from nearby genetically engineered crops; and

WHEREAS, the genetic engineering of plants and animals is an imprecise process and often causes unintended consequences and can lead to adverse health or environmental consequences; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council passed Resolution 31443 stating the City of Seattle's opposition to any action by the Food and Drug Administration to approve genetically engineered salmon; and

WHEREAS, the cultivation of genetically engineered crops can cause serious impacts to the environment; and

WHEREAS, identifying foods produced through genetic engineering will help protect our state's export market since 64 countries require labeling; and

WHEREAS, identifying seeds and seed stock produced with genetically engineering would protect farmers' rights to know what they are purchasing and protect their right to choose what they grow; NOW, THEREFORE,



1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THAT:**
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3 Section 1. The Seattle City Council supports Washington State Initiative 522 (I-522) and
4 mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered products including seeds, seed stock, raw and
5 processed food, and salmon.
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7 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2013, and
8 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day
9 of _____, 2013.
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12 President _____ of the City Council
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14 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2013.
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17 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk
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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
Legislative	Phyllis Shulman/684-8816	

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION supporting Washington State Initiative 522 (I-522) and expressing the support of the Seattle City Council for the mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food products so consumers can make informed choices.

Summary of the Legislation:

The resolution expresses the Seattle City Council's support for mandatory labeling of genetically engineered products.

Background:

(Include a brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable.)

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.
 (Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-h. Earlier sections that are left blank should be deleted. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)

This legislation has financial implications.
 (If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (e.g., appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the "Other Implications" Section. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each title and question.)

Appropriations:

(This table should reflect appropriations that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the project/programs associated with this ordinance had, or will have, appropriations in other legislation please provide details in the Appropriation Notes section below. If the appropriation is not supported by revenue/reimbursements, please confirm that there is available fund balance to cover this appropriation in the note section.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Appropriation	2014 Anticipated Appropriation
TOTAL				

*See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.



Appropriations Notes:

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

(This table should reflect revenues/reimbursements that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the issues/projects associated with this ordinance/resolution have revenues or reimbursements that were, or will be, received because of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2013 Revenue	2014 Revenue
TOTAL				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation, Including FTE Impact:

(This table should only reflect the actual number of positions affected by this legislation. In the event that positions have been, or will be, created as a result of other legislation, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.)

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2013 Positions	2013 FTE	2014 Positions*	2014 FTE*
TOTAL							

* 2014 positions and FTE are total 2014 position changes resulting from this legislation, not incremental changes. Therefore, under 2014, please be sure to include any continuing positions from 2013.

Position Notes:

Do positions sunset in the future?

(If yes, identify sunset date)

Spending/Cash Flow:

(This table should be completed only in those cases where part or all of the funds authorized by this legislation will be spent in a different year than when they were appropriated (e.g., as in the case of certain grants and capital projects). Details surrounding spending that will occur in future years should be provided in the Notes section below the table.)

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Expenditures	2014 Anticipated Expenditures



TOTAL				

* See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.

Spending/Cash Flow Notes:

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
(If yes, explain them here.)
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
(Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs.)
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
(If so, please list the affected department(s), the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc), and indicate which staff members in the other department(s) are aware of the proposed legislation.)
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** (Include any potential alternatives to the proposed legislation, such as reducing fee-supported activities, identifying outside funding sources for fee-supported activities, etc.)
- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
Yes, will be scheduled prior to the vote
- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
(For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.)
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
(If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.)
- h) **Other Issues:**

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

