

2015 - 2016 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Locker Program for People Experiencing Homelessness

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Human Services Department (HSD) provide a report to the Committee for Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency (CHAHSER) outlining a strategy for the safe storage of unsheltered people's belongings in Seattle. This report should include:

- A needs assessment for this storage program;
- Current City of Seattle funding for storage programs that meet this need;
- Alignment between a "safe storage program," with other City of Seattle investments; and
- A proposed implementation plan that includes staffing, oversight, potential locations, and budget.

Background:

Currently in Seattle, people who are homeless have limited options for storing personal belongings, especially during the day when shelter programs are closed. As a result of the lack of storage facilities, personal belongings must be carried during the day and are often left out in the open throughout downtown Seattle, leading to a greater likelihood of loss or damage to important documents and items of great personal value.

Some shelters provide storage for people with designated beds in the shelter and Seattle Housing and Resource Effort (SHARE) operates a program with 200 lockers. There are few spaces available in any program.

HSD is a key partner involved in the City's efforts to address homelessness as well as the quality of life for residents in Seattle.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing Affordability, Human Services, and Economic Resiliency

Date Due to Council: June 30, 2015