SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Washington Hall; authorizing the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority to provide funds for improvements to Washington Hall.

Summary and background of the Legislation: As part of the 2014 Adopted Budget, the Department of Neighborhoods was provided $300,000 for the purchase and installation of an elevator and other seismic upgrades at the historic Washington Hall building in the Central Area. At the time that funding was provided for the project, the elevator and stair tower were proposed to be built on the exterior north side of the building, providing accessibility and adding structural stability to the building.

As the project progressed, a solution to locate the elevator in the interior of the building, with no adverse impact to historic features, that would provide better access to and within the building was conceived and implemented. In addition to design and user experience efficiencies, the redesign also ultimately reduced the cost of the elevator installation project and the project was completed using other available funding.

Now entering the final phase of the project, Historic Seattle is requesting to use the $300,000 to complete the rehabilitation of Washington Hall including exterior restoration and interior build-out. This legislation provides DON the authority to enter into a new memorandum of understanding with Historic Seattle to use the funding for this purpose.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

____ **This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.**

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

__X__ **This legislation does not have direct financial implications.**

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**
No.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?
Yes--$300,000 was appropriated in the 2014 Adopted Budget to the Department of Neighborhoods for the Washington Hall restoration project. If this legislation is not approved, the Washington Hall project will not be able to receive those funds for the project and will not be able to complete critical work to complete the restoration of the historic building.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
No.

e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?
No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?
Yes.

h) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?
Washington Hall has been a critical community asset in the Central Area since 1908 and the renovation of this property will restore the community's access to a key facility for community building activities. The project has focused on restoring and improving the accessibility of the site to ensure that the entire community is able to enjoy the restored venue.

i) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.
NA.

j) Other Issues:
NA.

List attachments/exhibits below:
Exhibit A - Vicinity Map of Washington Hall, 153 14th Ave

Summary Ex A – Vicinity Map of Washington Hall
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Note: This map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.