SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION establishing the shared city and community goals and strategies of the Equity and Environment Agenda as City policy and a critical aspect and foundation for all environment and sustainability work in Seattle.

Summary and background of the Legislation: Seattle is widely known for its environmental leadership. From recycling to climate protection, we've consistently modeled best practices that are recognized around the world. However, in Seattle we face many of the same challenges as the broader US environmental movement: it is primarily white, upper-income communities who shape and benefit from environmental policies, approaches and outcomes. And while people of color, immigrants and refugees, people with low incomes and limited-English language proficient individuals care about and are working on environmental issues, they are often doing so outside of government and mainstream processes due to historic and ongoing institutional practices and policies.

For Seattle to continue to lead in environmental excellence it is important to understand who is and is not benefiting from our environmental progress. We need to engage those most impacted by environmental injustices – people of color, immigrants and refugees, people with low incomes and limited-English language proficient individuals – in meaningful ways to shape the environmental agenda and solutions. To accomplish this, Mayor Murray launched the Equity and Environment initiative in 2015 to put equity and environmental justice front and center as Seattle continues to lead with environmental excellence. The Initiative aims to advance the following three goals:

1. All people and communities benefit from Seattle's environmental progress.
2. Communities most impacted by environmental injustice are foremost engaged in setting environmental priorities, designing strategies and tracking progress.
3. People of color, immigrants and refugees, people with low incomes and limited-English language proficient speakers have opportunities to be leaders and be recognized as part of the mainstream environmental movement.

In April 2016, the Initiative produced an Equity and Environment Agenda for the City of Seattle. This resolution includes the goals included in this agenda, which were crafted with hundreds of community members throughout Seattle.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

_✓___**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?**
No

c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
The legislation will provide strategic guidance for the environmental programs within the following departments: Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle City Light, Seattle Department of Transportation, Parks Department, and Office of Planning and Community Development.

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?**
No.

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?**
The Equity & Environment Agenda Resolution is a natural extension of the Race and Social Justice Initiative's commitment to eliminate racial disparities and achieve racial equity in Seattle. The goals listed in this Resolution were shaped by community leaders and community members of those most affected by environmental hazards - in particular people of color, immigrants, refugees, people with low incomes and people with limited-English proficiency. The Resolution is a framework for defining environmental equity more specifically and supporting community collaboration and connectivity to government environmental work for those historically disadvantaged communities.

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.**
Does not include a new initiative or programmatic expansion.

j) **Other Issues:**

List attachments/exhibits below: