

**2011 - 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent**

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**Budget Action Title:** Regional Review of Shelter or Interim Housing Capacity

**Councilmembers:** Bagshaw; Burgess; Clark; Licata

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**Budget Committee Vote:**

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Homelessness is a national, state and local problem that cannot be ended without significant resources from all levels of government. The City of Seattle invests over \$32 million a year in homeless services (shelters, day and hygiene centers, case management). In addition, the City has spent millions of dollars over the last 5 years for the development of permanent housing for the homeless. The City is a full partner with the Committee to End Homelessness, in efforts to support and work towards ending homelessness in the region.

The City currently funds more than 1,127 or (90%) of the adult shelter beds in the County. Advocates continue to request that additional shelter beds or interim housing be provided to assist all of the region's homeless.

The determination as to whether new shelter beds or interim housing are needed should be made through conversations with our regional partners, including: King County, United Way, Committee to End Homelessness, faith-based organizations, and service providers who have an interest in better understanding the needs for additional shelter and interim housing and the appropriate location for such housing, given the geographic nature of homelessness and the location of the current shelter beds.

The City Council requests the Executive, in collaboration with the Committee to End Homelessness Funder's Group, King County, United Way, faith-based organizations, and service providers, to examine the supply and demand for shelter or interim housing (including indoor shelter, car camping, etc.), and consider the possible location of new housing in geographic areas currently lacking availability of such housing. This review should incorporate the work being done by an organization selected by the Committee to End Homelessness, to help faith-based communities to expand information and education on what these communities can provide in the way of housing and services for homeless.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing, Human Services, Health, & Culture

**Date Due to Council:** September 1, 2011