

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Sister Cities program, amending sections 1.24.010 and 1.24.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding new sections 3.14.440, 3.14.450, 3.14.460, and 3.14.470 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation codifies existing resolutions that govern Seattle’s sister cities program. It also introduces four central changes to the program, including the introduction of emeritus status, the introduction of time-bound sister city affiliations, the requirement of a MOU between OIR and the nonprofit acting as a treasurer for monies collectively raised by sister city associations and a change to the composition of the Seattle Sister Cities Coordinating Council.

Background:

In 1996, City Council passed Resolution 29446, which placed a moratorium on establishing new sister city affiliations with foreign cities. A core reason supporting the moratorium was to protect the quality of Seattle’s sister city program by not exceeding available resources with program expansion. In the 17 years since the moratorium went into effect, Seattle’s international landscape has changed significantly and several sectors in Seattle now enjoy international prominence (e.g., global health, green build). In addition, several countries and regions of the world have developed strong ties with Seattle, areas for which Seattle has no sister city affiliations (e.g., India, Turkey, UAE, South and Central America). Responding to a strong desire to modernize Seattle’s sister cities program and recognizing that the city still faces resource constraints for the program, the content of this proposed legislation allows City Council to pursue new opportunities without exceeding available resources.

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:

N/A - Because this legislation codifies existing resolutions that have long-governed the sister city program and because no new programs are funded in the proposed legislation, existing appropriation levels remain the same.

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:

N/A

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:

No new positions are indicated in this proposed legislation and the existing position is not

affected.

Do positions sunset in the future?

N/A

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:

N/A

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**

N/A

- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**

Financial costs remain the same, whether or not the proposed legislation is adopted.

- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

Whereas the Mayor’s Office and City Council are affected by sister city affiliations, the impact remains the same whether or not the proposed legislation is adopted. The proposed legislation functions to codify existing resolutions that govern the sister cities program.

- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**

Should the legislation fail to be adopted, the resolutions that currently govern the sister cities program will remain in effect. Because the proposed legislation functions to codify the existing resolutions, there are not many objectives at risk. The proposed legislation, however, should make it easier for the City of Seattle to pursue new sister city affiliations without affecting budget allocations, when compared to the existing resolutions governing the sister cities program.

- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

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) Other Issues:

None

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

N/A