

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:

AN ORDINANCE creating an Indigenous Advisory Council for tribal and urban Indian engagement; adding a new Chapter 3.75 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Section 3.35.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

The proposed bill would create a new Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC) to provide input and advice to the City of Seattle shall advise the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on policies of importance to the City, including but not limited to policies directly affecting Indigenous populations including American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people. A majority of the IAC’s members would be chosen from recommendations made by Tribes and urban Indian organizations. Others would represent youth and elders. Members would serve up to four consecutive two-year terms. The Department of Neighborhoods would be charged with supporting the IAC.

Among the purposes and duties of the IAC would be to:

1. Provide information, advice and counsel to the City on ways to improve access to City services and strengthen participation by Indigenous communities in the civic life of the city;
2. Advise on the development of policies related to consultation with Tribes and urban Indian organizations; and
3. Create programming to increase understanding between and among Indigenous communities and the larger Seattle community.

The IAC would be empowered to promulgate rules to protect their rights to their cultural knowledge.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

Yes, the bill would provide authorization to the Department of Neighborhoods to compensate members of the IAC for their time. It would also require the City to fund programming. Funding and position authority to support the Commission was provided in the 2021 budget.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

None

3.a. Appropriations

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

3.c. Positions

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Yes, the Department of Neighborhoods is charged with supporting the activities of the IAC.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

The United States' Indigenous people have experienced settler colonialism, systemic oppression and institutional racism, and are subject to disproportionately high rates of structural violence, homelessness, poverty, income inequality, death and poor health and education outcomes. Policy decisions affecting urban Natives and Tribes are often made without their input. The IAC would provide them with a stronger voice in City government.

f. Climate Change Implications

- 1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

No

- 2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

No

- g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

The goal of the Indigenous Advisory Council is to build and strengthen Indigenous representation and Indigenous knowledge in the City of Seattle's public policy processes and to promote and advance priorities and solutions identified by Native communities for Native communities in Seattle. Success will be measured by the adoption of new policies and regulations recommended by the IAC.

List attachments/exhibits below: