

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 establishing the City's commitments and plans for supporting cannabis workers and supporting communities disproportionately harmed by the federal War on Drugs.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The federal War on Drugs disproportionately impacted Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. Cannabis businesses operating in the City of Seattle must be licensed by both Seattle and the State of Washington; and Seattle cannabis businesses are owned primarily by White men.

The legislation would memorialize the City intent to take a series of actions:

1. Include issues of cannabis equity on the City's 2023 State Legislative Agenda.
2. Include issues of cannabis equity on the City's 2023 federal Legislative Agenda.
3. Continue to advocate partnership with King County to seek the expungement of cannabis convictions handed down prior to 2014.
4. Use summer legal interns to work on expungement of cannabis convictions.
5. Continue to partner with organizations that represent communities negatively impacted by the federal War on Drugs to ensure increased opportunities to ameliorate that damage including, but not limited to, cannabis related business ownership.
6. Partner with organizations advocating for the advancement, safety, and retention of cannabis workers.
7. Pursue funds from the State and federal governments to support this work.
8. Fund a Cannabis Needs Assessment to provide demographic information about workers currently employed in Seattle's cannabis industry; determine the highest training needs of those workers wishing to advance in the cannabis industry and become owners; and include recommendations about whether and how to fund such training.
9. Appoint an advisory committee comprised of workers, industry members, and community members impacted by the federal War on Drugs.

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 legislation indicates that the City will fund a Cannabis Needs Assessment, which is estimated to cost \$250,000. There is currently no identified source of funding for the Cannabis Needs Assessment.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

No.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

No.

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?

This legislation establishes expectations for steps the City intends to take to address the disproportionate harms that the federal War on Drugs caused to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).

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)?**

N/A

Summary Attachments: