

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION proclaiming Seattle to be a Human Rights City in celebration of the sixty-fourth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Summary of the Legislation: On the occasion of the sixty-fourth anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and the thirty-seventh anniversary of the City of Seattle’s celebration of Human Rights Day, the City of Seattle seeks to reaffirm and deepen its commitment to promote human rights by proclaiming Seattle a Human Rights City and adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a framework for incorporating human rights standards into laws and policies.

Background: The United States endorsed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The United States has ratified or signed other numerous international human rights laws and standards. Together, these declarations and laws provide a valuable framework for strengthening and improving the impact of laws and policies on local communities and work on their commitment to protecting, respecting and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights, including civil, political, social, economic, and cultural rights. Universal human rights principles work to ensure that the dignity, equality and well-being of all people are respected and protected. These principles are the foundation to the American tenets of fairness and opportunity.

The City of Seattle has long been committed to promoting human rights as demonstrated by the creation in 1963 of the Seattle Human Rights Commission “to act in an advisory capacity in respect to matters affecting human rights” and make recommendations “with regard to the development of programs for the promotion of equality, justice and understanding among all citizens of the City” as well as recommend policies “affecting civil rights and equal opportunity.”

Thirty-seven years ago the Seattle City Council recognized December 10th as the official date for commemoration of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In addition, the City of Seattle implemented human rights principles in its policymaking, as demonstrated by actions such as the Race and Social Justice Initiative, a citywide initiative to address racial and social disparities and achieve racial equity; and the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County.

The idea of a “Human Rights City” developed to provide a model for municipal government to translate and implement universal human rights principles at the local level.

A “Human Rights City” consciously aspires to respect, protect and fulfill universal human rights as spelled out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the human rights instruments enumerated in the Human Rights City Resolution.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

This legislation has financial implications.

Other Implications:

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

No.

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

(Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs.) None.

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

(If so, please list the affected department(s), the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc), and indicate which staff members in the other department(s) are aware of the proposed legislation.) None.

d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? (Include any potential alternatives to the proposed legislation, such as reducing fee-supported activities, identifying outside funding sources for fee-supported activities, etc.) None.

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

(If yes, what public hearing(s) have been held to date, and/or what public hearing(s) are planned for the future?) No.

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

(For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.) No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

(If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.) No.

h) Other Issues:

List attachments to the fiscal note below: