

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:**

A RESOLUTION relating to the Seattle Preschool Program; outlining the elements to be addressed in a subsequent Seattle Preschool Program Implementation Plan, which shall be adopted by ordinance prior to the implementation of a Seattle Preschool Program.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

The proposed resolution outlines implementation principles and items to be addressed in a future Seattle Preschool Implementation Plan to be reviewed by the City Council and approved by ordinance in early 2015, should Seattle voters approve a November 4, 2014 special election ballot measure.

**Background:**

In September 2013, the City Council unanimously passed Resolution 31478, which outlined a set of tasks associated with advancing efforts to achieve voluntary, high-quality preschool for three- and four-year olds in Seattle. The Resolution requested a gap analysis report, which was presented to the City Council in January 2014 and estimated that there are about 12,000 three- and four-year old children in Seattle, with approximately 63% to 73% of them, respectively, in childcare. The Resolution also requested an action plan, proposing parameters of a voluntary, high-quality program. Following a competitive process, the City selected a team comprised of Berk Consulting, Inc., Columbia City Consulting, Dr. Ellen Frede, and Dr. W. Steven Barnett (“the Consultants”) to develop recommendations for the City’s action plan, an interactive financial model to cost out the action plan’s recommendations, and an outreach summary report. The Office for Education conducted extensive outreach to the community between February and April in multiple formats (workshops, community meetings, targeted outreach to the early learning community) to provide feedback and input during the development of the recommendations for the City’s action plan. The Consultants submitted a final draft of the recommendations in early May. Following this, the Executive created the Seattle Preschool Program Action Plan, which includes several of the Consultant recommendations on quality and program elements but also includes new recommendations for City Council’s consideration. The Seattle Preschool Action Plan is included as an attachment to this legislation.

Please check one of the following:

  X   **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

**Other Implications:**

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

This legislation does not directly result in appropriation or position changes. If the City Council approves Council Bill 118114 that submits a four-year Seattle Preschool Program Levy package to the Seattle voters for their approval in the fall of 2014, and if the ballot measure is approved, the average cost to a Seattle homeowner will increase during the 4-year levy. The Adopted Budget or another ordinance will add appropriations, revenues and positions for the Seattle Preschool Program in accordance with the Seattle Preschool Implementation Plan to be adopted in early 2015.

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

N/A

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

No.

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

None.

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

A City Council public hearing is scheduled on Thursday, May 29.

**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