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Summary of the Legislation:
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Background:
In April 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution 31282, which endorsed a program of specific economic development goals and actions to strengthen and grow Seattle's economy. One of the primary economic development goals articulated in Resolution 31282 was enhancing communication between business sectors and the City on policy issues. In addition, the economic development actions described in the Resolution included the creation of an Economic Development Commission. Consistent with Resolution 31282, this legislation would establish such a Commission to advise the Mayor and City Council on the development of plans, policies, regulations, and strategies regarding fundamental issues that have substantial impact on sustainable and equitable economic development and job creation in the City of Seattle. The Jobs Plan presented by the Mayor in August 2010 also recommended convening an advisory body to provide guidance on the implementation of economic development strategies.

Please check one of the following:

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

____ **This legislation has financial implications.**

Other Implications:

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b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
The advice and recommendations provided by an Economic Development Commission could help inform future City policy decisions and investments that have a positive impact on the local economy and, ultimately, help to grow the City's General Fund.

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None. Establishing a formal City commission requires legislative action by the City Council.

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:

None.