

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the organization of City government; creating an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; establishing the powers and duties of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; renaming the Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Board to the Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission; establishing the responsibility to provide staffing for the Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission; amending Section 3.14 and repealing Sections 3.35.090, 3.35.100, 3.35.110, and 3.35.120 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary of the Legislation: This legislation implements the Council’s policy direction established as part of the 2012 Budget review process. Funding and position authority was approved to create a two-person Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. In addition, this bill would rename the current Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Board to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission and transfer staffing responsibility for this commission to the new Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. Corresponding changes are made to the Seattle Municipal Code to reflect the new organizational structure.

Background: As mentioned previously, the Council approved funding to create a new Office of Immigrant and Refugee affairs as part of the 2012 Budget review process. Green Sheet 44-2-A-3 added \$238,000 in General Subfund support and created the necessary position authority to staff the new Office. The goal being to strengthen the City’s work around refugee and immigrant issues.

In 2007, the City created an Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Board to advise the Council and Mayor on ways to enhance and improve access to City services and resources for these communities. Earlier in the year, legislation had been proposed to change the name of the board to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission. Creation of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs presents an opportunity to bring the staffing and coordination of the Commission’s work in alignment with the new Office.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

(Please skip to “Other Implications” section at the end of the document and answer questions a-h. Earlier sections that are left blank should be deleted. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)

NOTE: Appropriations for 2012 associated with the creation of the Office of Immigrant and

Refugee Affairs and staffing associated with the Immigrant and Refugee Commission have been addressed as part of the 2012 Budget review process and reflected in the 2012 Adopted Budget by Council.

— This legislation has financial implications.

(If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (e.g., appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the “Other Implications” Section. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each title and question.)

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
Creation of the Office assumes continued operational support into the future.
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
Implementing the legislation is consistent with policy direction approved by the Council in November, 2011.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
The legislation will change the staffing relationship of DON and SOCR with the Refugee and Immigrant Commission as it transfers this responsibility to the newly created Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. The new Office will interact with all other City agencies and departments on issues related to immigrant and refugee communities.
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**
Implementing the legislation is consistent with policy direction approved by the Council in November, 2011.
- 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:**

List attachments to the fiscal note below: