



Legislative Department
Seattle City Council
Memorandum

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To: Councilmember Nick Licata, Chair
Councilmember Jean Godden, Vice Chair
Councilmember Tim Burgess, Member
Finance and Culture Committee

From: Erik Sund, Council Central Staff

Subject: Issue Identification, 4th Quarter 2014 Supplemental Budget Package

The Executive has offered Council Bills 118283 and 118284, which together form the 4th Quarter Supplemental Budget package. In briefest overview, these bills would change the 2014 Adopted Budget as follows:

- Increase appropriations by \$34.9 million in various funds (\$9.5 million in the General Subfund) and departments for various purposes, including¹:
 - \$4.0 million of capital project appropriations for Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) for accelerated work on the rehabilitation of critical sewer pipe sections and another \$3.25 million for drainage and wastewater costs resulting from changes in the Alaska Way Viaduct and Seawall project;
 - \$3.2 million for Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) capital projects, including \$1.88 million for repairs to the Fauntleroy Bridge to correct a design flaw, for which the City has been reimbursed by the contractor;
 - \$2.24 million of expenditure authority (backed by utility bill receipts) for SPU to cover payments to King County for the treatment of a higher than projected volume of sewage in 2014;
 - \$2.0 million for the SDOT for street cuts and repairs related to utility connections, to be reimbursed by SPU;
 - \$1.8 million of Library Levy expenditures reallocated to new projects from unexpended 2013 levy funds;
 - \$1.77 million of expenditure authority for the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) to conduct training on marine firefighting and hazardous materials response;
 - \$1.75 million to cover unexpectedly high bond sales and debt service costs to SPU's Drainage Wastewater Fund;
 - \$1.2 million for additional costs related to a range of events held at KeyArena, for which the City will be reimbursed by event promoters; and
 - \$1.05 million for the (SFD) to pay for leave cash outs for an unexpectedly high number of retiring firefighters.

¹ Some of this represents double appropriations in which moneys are appropriated in one fund to support expenditures from another fund for which an appropriation is also made.

- Accept \$8.17 million in outside grants from a variety of sources, and add appropriation allowing departments to spend the grant funds.
- Increase the Seattle Fire Department's position authority by 1 full time Firefighter – Prevention Inspector I position within the Fire Marshal's Office, to help address a backlog of inspections required for construction projects.
- Reclassify a 0.75 FTE part time Code Compliance Analyst position within the Department of Planning & Development as a full time position.
- Abrogate three full time positions (two Strategic Advisors and one Police Lieutenant) and one part time position (an Accounting Technician III) in the Seattle Police Department. All of these positions were grant funded and had sunset dates in the summer of 2014.

Next Steps

On December 10th, City Budget Office and City Council central staff will brief the Finance and Culture Committee on the Mayor's proposal. The legislation has been reviewed by central staff and appears to be ready for consideration by the Committee. If the Committee is prepared to vote on Council Bills 118283 and 118284, the legislation can be considered at the full Council meeting on Monday, December 15th. The December 15th meeting is the last regularly scheduled Council meeting of 2014.