



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

Res 31637

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Notes:

Sponsors: Harrell

Attachments:

Drafter: patrick.wigren@seattle.gov

Date

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Mayor's Signature: 12/17/2015

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Veto Sustained:

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	11/17/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	11/17/2015	sent for review	Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee			
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- 1 Full Council 11/30/2015 referred Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee
- Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee
- Notes:
- 1 Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee 12/02/2015 adopt Pass
- Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).
- Notes:
- In Favor: 3 Member Bagshaw, Chair Harrell, González
- Opposed: 0
- 1 Full Council 12/07/2015 adopted Pass
- Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote and the President signed the Resolution:
- Notes:
- In Favor: 7 Council President Burgess, Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember González , Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember Rasmussen
- Opposed: 0
- 1 City Clerk 12/11/2015 submitted for Mayor's signature Mayor
- Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor
- Notes:
- 1 Mayor 12/17/2015 Signed
- Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.
- Notes:
- 1 Mayor 12/17/2015 returned City Clerk
- Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk
- Notes:
- 1 City Clerk 12/17/2015 attested by City Clerk
- Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.
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CITY OF SEATTLE
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WHEREAS, in 2015 approximately 2.2 million people were incarcerated nationally – a 500 percent increase in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 16,675 adults were incarcerated in Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) prisons, with an additional 17,064 under DOC Community Supervision and another 12,618 people on average per day in local jails, with approximately 2,800 jailed in King County; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 about 20 percent of the almost 8,000 individuals released from DOC were released to King County; and

WHEREAS, people of color are disproportionately represented among those released in King County; a 2003 reentry study demonstrated that while African-Americans were only six percent of King County's population, 41 percent of people released from DOC were African-Americans, and while Latinos were only six percent of King County's population, 18 percent of people released from DOC were Latinos; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to a significant number of released prisoners – primarily in the downtown commercial district and the central residential neighborhoods that extend down through south Seattle and the Rainier Valley; and

1 WHEREAS, national corrections costs exceed \$70,000,000,000 per year, with most of the total
2 borne by state and local governments, DOC spends an average of \$46,897 per year for
3 each inmate, and it costs King County approximately \$147 per day to keep a person
4 incarcerated; and

5 WHEREAS, reducing recidivism is critical to reducing criminal justice costs; and

6 WHEREAS, costs of incarceration are so high that even modest reductions can produce
7 significant budget savings; and

8 WHEREAS, currently there is a danger of overcrowding in Washington prisons and a possible
9 need for prison expansion in the future; and

10 WHEREAS, data shows that approximately 30-50 percent of all prisoners who are released will
11 be back in prison within three years; and

12 WHEREAS, reducing recidivism rates will reduce incarceration rates, costs, overcrowding, and
13 the pressure for additional prison space in the future; and

14 WHEREAS, arrest, conviction, or incarceration can lead to the loss of employment and housing,
15 disrupt family and social ties, and create a social stigma from a criminal record, all of
16 which interfere with an individual's successful reintegration into the community; and

17 WHEREAS, Seattle has worked to increase the availability and accessibility of employment,
18 housing, public benefits and government services to all persons, recognizing there are
19 particular obstacles for previously incarcerated individuals; and

20 WHEREAS, Seattle passed the 2013 Jobs Assistance Ordinance to remove barriers to
21 employment for qualified applicants with criminal records; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Murray's Housing Affordability and Livability Committee recommends that
23 the City pursue a combination of local legislation, education, and technical assistance to

1 ensure fair access to Seattle's housing options for people with criminal records, as studies
2 show that people with stable housing are more likely to successfully reintegrate into
3 society and less likely to reoffend; and

4 WHEREAS, in Seattle's 2015 State Legislative Agenda, Seattle supported HB 1553, introduced
5 in the Washington State legislature in 2015, which would create a court process to obtain
6 a Certificate of Restoration of Opportunity (CROP) that would remove state barriers to
7 occupational licenses and certifications based on a conviction resulting in increased
8 employment and housing opportunities for people with criminal convictions; and

9 WHEREAS, HB 1553 was unanimously passed by the House, received a hearing in the Senate,
10 but did not pass out of the Senate committee and will be re-introduced in 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, Seattle recognizes that the continuing negative effects of a criminal record on an
12 individual's ability to enjoy the status of an ordinary resident of Seattle should end, and
13 that, after they have paid their dues to society, individuals with a criminal record should
14 be placed in the same social and legal position they had prior to conviction; NOW,

15 THEREFORE,

16 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
17 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

18 Section 1. Seattle's support for HB 1553, introduced in the Washington State legislature
19 in 2015, will be included in Seattle's Legislative Agenda for the 2016 legislative session and will
20 be a prioritized public safety strategy aligned with its foundation as a Human Rights City.

21 Section 2. The Mayor is requested to convene a Prisoner and Community Corrections Re-
22 entry Work Group (Work Group). The goal of the Work Group is to coordinate and strengthen
23 the City's efforts to assist prisoner community re-entry. The Work Group will be composed of:

1 A. Eight residents with knowledge of the criminal justice system
2 and the Directors, or their designees, of the following departments:

3 B. Office of Policy and Innovation;

4 C. Office of Housing;

5 D. Seattle Office of Civil Rights;

6 E. Human Services Department;

7 F. Seattle Municipal Court; and

8 G. Legislative Department.

9 Section 3. Scope of Work. The Prisoner and Community Corrections Re-entry Work
10 Group will:

11 A. Inventory the City's current work to help previously incarcerated individuals transition
12 into stable housing and employment;

13 B. Inventory and assess the City's current imposition and collection of fees and fines for
14 criminal violations and infractions and the impact of such on successful re-entry;

15 C. Identify areas where the City's efforts would be strengthened by more effective
16 coordination with other criminal justice agencies, and define steps needed to effectuate those
17 changes;

18 D. Develop a set of additional policies, ordinances, strategies, or programs the City of
19 Seattle can implement to facilitate prisoner re-entry and remove unnecessary barriers to
20 employment, housing and other benefits. Consideration should be given to:

21 1. Implementation of the Certificate of Restoration of Opportunity (CROP) if
22 State legislation is passed in 2016;

23 2. Development of a local CROP if State legislation is not passed in 2016;

1 3. Amendment of current laws prohibiting discrimination in housing and
2 employment to include individuals with a CROP;

3 4. Coordination with the Housing Affordability and Livability Advisory
4 Committee (HALA) recommendations; and

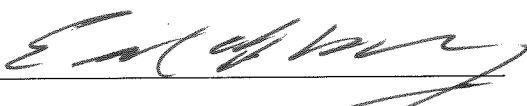
5 5. Consideration of a public education campaign on re-entry issues.

6 Section 4. Schedule and Reports to Council. The Work Group is requested to provide a
7 schedule and anticipated deliverables, to the Council's Public Safety, Civil Rights and
8 Technology committee, or the successor council committee with oversight of public safety, by
9 the end of February 2016. The Work Group schedule should include a schedule of regular
10 reporting dates to the Council and Mayor. The Work Group's final report is due September 1,
11 2016 and should include a fiscal analysis of any recommended changes to city policies,
12 ordinances, strategies, or programs.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 7th day of December, 2015, and signed
2 by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 7th day
3 of December, 2015.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

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7 The Mayor concurred the 17th day of December, 2015.

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10 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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12 Filed by me this 17th day of December, 2015.

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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on December 7, 2016, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.seattle.gov>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>. Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

Res 31632

A RESOLUTION related to the City's Emergency Management Program; amending the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Base Plan, Emergency Operations Plan, and All-Hazards Mitigation Plan as required by Seattle Municipal Code Section 10.02.050, RCW 38.52.077, and WAC 118-30-060.

Res 31636

A RESOLUTION re-affirming the City's commitment to gender pay equity and expressing the City's intent to join 100% Talent, a regional Gender Pay Equity Initiative, as a founding member, and to help implement the Initiative as a means to strengthen gender pay equity in Seattle and the region.

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