

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Update Auditor Code to conform to May 2017 Charter amendments that protect the Auditor's independence and add a duty; amend Auditor Code following passage of new state law that preserves City's privilege when information is disclosed to Auditor for the purposes of an audit or investigation (Ordinance; amend Code Chapters 2.12, 2.14, 3.05, 3.21 and 3.77)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The legislation codifies changes to the Charter that protect and define the administrative independence of the Office of the City Auditor, as approved by voters on May 16, 2017 in ballot Measure 26-189.

It also protects the City's legally privileged information and records from outside disclosure when they are obtained by the Auditor's accountability functions. The City successfully sought statutory protection through Senate Bill 890, which Governor Kate Brown signed into law on June 29, 2017. The protection is extended to Code-authorized functions in the Auditor's office that conduct investigations to be consistent with Charter.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There are no projected fiscal impacts of the legislation.

Community impacts and community involvement:

More than 86 percent of voters approved ballot Measure 26-189. The Legislature held hearings related to Senate Bill 890 and its House counterpart. Passage was a legislative priority of the City Council in 2017.

100% Renewable Goal:

N/A.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

YES: Please complete the information below.

NO: Skip this section

| Fund | Fund Center | Commitment Item | Functional Area | Funded Program | Grant | Sponsored Program | Amount |
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