

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Authorize the Auditor to award, execute, and amend intergovernmental agreements for services to carry out the duties of the Auditor's Office.

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The 2017 Charter changes recognized the importance of the independence of the Auditor's Office, and granted the Auditor the authority to procure goods and services and to contract with outside service providers. The Auditor now serves as the Auditor's Office's Chief Procurement Officer, and like the City's Chief Procurement Officer, the Auditor is authorized to award and execute contracts for goods and services, without specific authorization by City Council ordinance, whenever the contract amount is \$500,000 or less.

The Auditor periodically pursues contracts for services with other governments, and requires the ability to independently enter into such contracts, equivalent to the Auditor's ability to enter into contracts for services with other entities. While the Charter arguably authorizes the Auditor to contract for services with other governments, the Charter does not *specifically* address the Auditor's intergovernmental agreement (IGA) authority.

In light of the Charter requirement that City contracts be authorized by ordinance, and the Portland City Code requirement that the Council authorize all intergovernmental agreements by ordinance, the proposed ordinance would specifically authorize the Auditor to award, execute, and amend IGAs for services to carry out the duties of the Auditor's Office, whenever the cost to the City under the agreement is \$500,000 or less.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The proposed legislation does not have financial or budgetary or staffing impacts.

All payments to parties pursuant to an IGA executed by the Auditor under the proposed legislation will be absorbed by the Auditor's Office, unless otherwise authorized by the Council.

In addition to protecting the Auditor's independence, the proposed legislation will save Council time by permitting the Auditor to enter into IGAs for services related to the duties of the Auditor's Office without additional Council approval for each IGA.

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

The proposed legislation does not have a direct community impact.

The community has voted to enhance the independence of the Auditor's Office. The proposed legislation clarifies that this independence includes the authority to enter into IGAs for services, equivalent to the Auditor's ability to enter into contracts for services with other entities.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

N/A

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section

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