

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Pay settlement of Francis Gehman lawsuit in the sum of \$15,000 involving Portland Housing Bureau (Ordinance)

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

Francis Gehman, through attorney J. Michael Harris, filed a lawsuit against the City and Commissioner Dan Ryan for damages involving the Portland Housing Bureau's denial of Plaintiff's application for an exemption from paying mandatory city relocation assistance to a renter being displaced from current housing.

After consultation with the City Attorney's Office, while the exemption denial was reasonable and within the city's established framework, due to one-time extenuating circumstances the Housing Bureau believes that the potential time and cost the bureau could incur in defending the lawsuit places a burden on and creates potential risk to the bureau. Therefore, to avoid the burden and potential risk associated with defending the lawsuit, the bureau feels it is prudent to compromise the lawsuit at this time.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Not applicable

**Renewable Energy Goal:**

Not applicable

## Budgetary Impact Worksheet

**Does this action change appropriations?**

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
- ☒ **NO:** Skip this section