IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title:	Direct the Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services (BRFS) to research and report to Council on the feasibility of applying a local income tax to income earned in Portland by individuals who are not Portland residents. (Resolution)
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Presenter name:	Commissioner Novick

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to direct BRFS to research and report to Council about a topic related to the structure of the Portland Street Fund.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

BRFS will complete the work required by this resolution using existing resources.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This resolution directs BRFS to research and report to Council about an idea raised by members of the public during the hearing about the Portland Street Fund. If the research results in a recommendation and Council action to implement a local income tax as described in the resolution, there would be increased equity in the transportation income tax because more of the people who benefit from well-maintained streets would be contributing toward the cost of maintaining those streets.

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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WHEREAS, Council is considering creating the Portland Street Fund to address the City's significant street maintenance and transportation safety needs.

WHEREAS, since the traditional sources the City has relied on for transportation funding – State and County gas taxes – continue to fail to produce the level of revenue needed to adequately address maintenance and safety needs, the Portland Street Fund will collect revenues through a local Residential Income Transportation Tax and a local Non-Residential Transportation Fee.

WHEREAS, during the public hearing on the Portland Street Fund, individuals raised concerns that the burden of the Residential Transportation Income Tax is not shared equally because people who earn income in Portland and often use Portland streets but who reside outside of Portland's boundaries would not pay the tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services (BRFS) shall research and report on the feasibility of applying the Residential Transportation Income Tax to income earned within the city of Portland by individuals who do not reside within the city. The report shall address the legality, practicality, and administrative costs associated with applying and collecting such a tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of BRFS shall report to Council addressing the topic of this resolution by June 30, 2015.

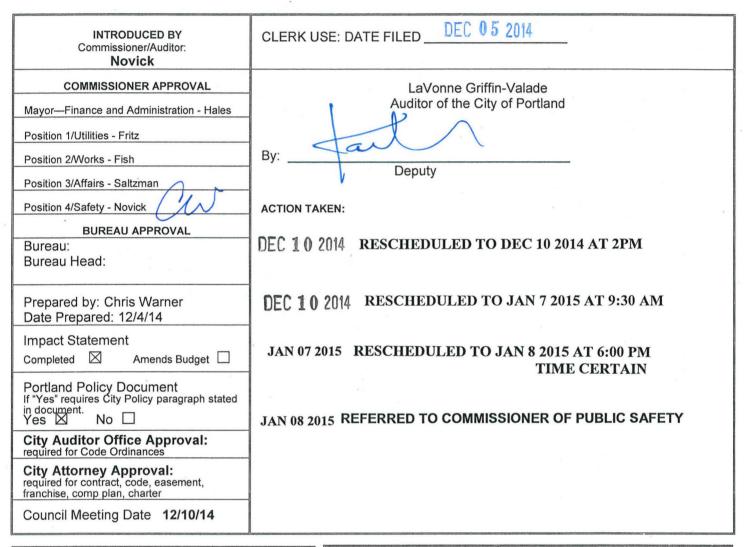
Adopted by the Council:

Commissioner Steve Novick Prepared by: Chris Warner **LaVonne Griffin-Valade** Auditor of the City of Portland By

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AGENDA	FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
TIME CERTAIN		YEAS NAYS	
Start time: <u>This item should be read with</u> other Portland Street Fund items.	1. Fritz	1. Fritz	
Total amount of time needed:	2. Fish	2. Fish	
	3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	
	4. Novick	Ч. Novick	
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Total amount of time needed: (for presentation, testimony and discussion)			

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