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| **Budget Action Title:** | Request for SDCI to collaborate on developing reforms to the design review program  |
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| Ongoing: | Yes |  | Has Attachment: | No |
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| Primary Sponsor: | TBD |
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| Council Members: | TBD  |
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| Staff Analyst: | TBD  |
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| **Statement of Legislative Intent:** |

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| This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Seattle Department of Constructions and Inspection (SDCI) coordinate with stakeholders, including but not limited to Seattle for Everyone, AIA Seattle, Housing Development Consortium, and NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Washington, to evaluate the design review program and other discretionary reviews in the Master Use Permit process and identify reforms that will streamline and reduce overall permit timelines to expedite the production of housing in Seattle. The Council further requests that SDCI provided a report to Council by March 31, 2022 summarizing its work. The report should, at a minimum, including the following: 1) Analysis of timelines to obtain design review approval using the SDCI quarterly permit report; 2) Analysis of best practices review of other peer cities in regulating aesthetics; 3) Analysis of the role that aesthetic review processes have historically played in opposition to housing; 4) Recommendations for legislative and administrative reforms to reduce the barriers to new housing, including significant reduction in overall permit timelines. The report shall be focused on the SDCI Master Use Permit and design review process and shall not include review of the special review district process governed by the Department of Neighborhoods, including the International Special Review District process. SDCI’s report would be due to the Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee (or its successor) by March 31, 2022 with the goal of having legislation, including an environmental review, if necessary, ready for Council consideration by June 30, 2022. |
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| **Responsible Council Committee(s):** |

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| March 31, 2022 |

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