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PROP 1A'S COSTS

Prop 1A (I-107) will cost \$3 million to implement the mandates. Most of that would go towards establishing a Professional Development Institute to coordinate existing training programs for the city's 4,500 child care workers; the rest is for existing city staff FTEs to make policy recommendations.

PROP 1A MANDATED EXPENDITURES	Millions
301(B) "City shall, within 12 months of the effective date... adopt policies, timelines and milestones" ... 301(B) "City shall consult with stakeholders..." (~ 0.5 FTE)	0.05
502(A) "The City shall convene and support the Board to serve the functions set forth in this section." "City staff time (~ 1.5 FTE)	0.15
501(D) "The City shall fund the Professional Development Institute to provide the services set forth in this section." (as set by City Council)	2.30
503(B) "City shall hire a single provider organization to facilitate communications..."	0.50
TOTAL	3.0

EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

- **Existing Families and Education Levy** ([worth \\$235 M over 7 years](#)) The Levy has an estimated [\\$38 M surplus](#) next year. The Mayor is proposing to use the surplus in this fund to set up a new [Department of Education and Early Learning](#), full of new high salary positions. *"The new department would house 38 employees and manage a budget of \$48.5 million, including \$30 million each year from the voter-approved Families and Education Levy."*
- **Developer impact fees:** City council already [requires](#) developers building in South Lake Union or in Downtown to build space for a childcare facility in the unit. Alternatively, they can pay an in-lieu fee of \$4.32 per square foot into a childcare fund.

FUTURE FUNDING SOLUTIONS

Prop 1A could cost more if the City Council votes to increase childcare assistance for families, provide support to small childcare centers, and make worker training low cost and accessible.

- **Apply for existing grants:** The City is currently leaving millions on the table by not applying for [State and Federal Early Education Grants](#) or [private grants](#).
- **Expand developer fees:** Apply the [developer childcare fee](#) now in use in South Lake Union to other areas including West Seattle, SODO, Cap Hill, Ballard and other areas with new high density development.
- **San Francisco:** Contributes [\\$9 million/yr to early educator wages](#) to offset minimum wage increases, funded by HSA-Office of Early Care and Education, the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, and First 5 San Francisco.
- **Denver** voters approved a [12 cent sales tax on >\\$100 purchases](#) in 2006 to fund tuition supports for approved preschool programs, which now reach 70 percent of the city's 4-year-olds.
- Bright Future **Chicago** is calling for financial transactions tax (trades on the stock exchange) to fund Pre-k in that city. It is also calling for action on interest rate swaps to fund the expansion.

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