

**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Domestic Partnership Equality Act of 2005"

REFERENCE: Bill 16-0052

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the Mayor's and Council's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources would be required.

Background

The proposed resolution would provide those in domestic partner relationships with similar rights and responsibilities as those in spousal relationships currently hold with regard to evidentiary privileges, inheritance and estate issues, and spousal and child support matters.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the Mayor's and Council's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation would amend the DC Official Code to provide domestic partners with the rights currently held by spouses with regard to evidentiary privileges, estate matters, and spousal and child support matters upon termination of the domestic partner relationship. Since these rights would be enforced primarily through the Family and Probate Courts which are funded by the Federal government, there would be no impact on District resources.