

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer



**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** April 2, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Public Health Laboratory Fee  
Amendment Act of 2002"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because the proposed legislation would generate additional revenue by authorizing the public health laboratory to establish additional fees for its services. The additional revenues cannot be estimated at this time because the fees have not yet been established or collected, but are expected to help offset the local fund costs of operating the lab.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would authorize the Mayor to establish fees for forms and for the performance of laboratory analysis to identify environmental contaminants and to perform epidemiological surveillance. Current law limits the establishment of fees for laboratory analysis to lead poisoning, tuberculosis, rabies, and sexually transmitted diseases. According to the Department of Health (DOH), clarification of the scope of fees authorized is being sought prior to establishment of a fee schedule.

**Financial Plan Impact**

The amount of revenue that would be collected as a result of this legislation is uncertain until the fees are established and collected. However, DOH has indicated that the fees, in aggregate, are expected to fund the public health laboratory's estimated \$471,000 local budget.