

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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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: June 14, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: “Uniform Mediation Act of 2002”

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources will be required. The proposed legislation will have no affect on General Fund revenue.

Background

The proposed legislation would establish a privilege of confidentiality for mediation communications. It also would protect the basic rights of mediators and participants.

Financial Plan Impact

There is no significant financial impact to the District of Columbia associated with the provisions of this legislative proposal. It would establish basic, uniform protections for mediators and participants in each state that chooses to adopt this model legislation drafted by the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Although relatively new, the model legislation already has been introduced in New York, Vermont, South Carolina, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.