

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 [signature]
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: July 8, 2004

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Unemployment Compensation
Weekly Benefit Amount Amendment Act of 2004"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan as agreed to by the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia. No additional resources are required to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation will result in increases to employer quarterly contributions to the Unemployment Trust Fund.

Background

The proposed legislation will increase the weekly unemployment benefit from a maximum of \$309 per week to \$359 per week.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the consensus FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan. Funds to support this unemployment benefit are expended from the Unemployment Trust Fund. The Trust is the repository of a quarterly tax on an employer's business volume in the District. As more money is expended from the Trust, the higher the contribution requirement is on District business. The District maintains a fund balance of over \$300 million in the Trust.