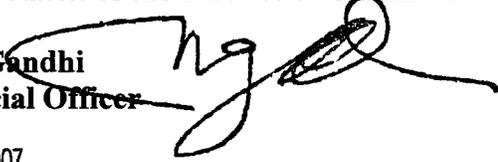


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: SEP 12 2007

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Health Professional Employer Reporting Act of 2007"

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution to be Introduced—No Bill Number

Conclusion

Funds would be sufficient in the proposed FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation *if* Council enacts either the proposed Clinical Laboratory Practitioners Amendment Act of 2007 or the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 Amendment Act of 2007. Both of these bills would generate new revenues for the Health Occupations Regulation Fund which would cover the projected costs of the Health Professional Employer Reporting Act of 2007. Any expenditure of the new revenue, however, would require the funds to be appropriated for the specific purpose of the bill.

Background

The proposed legislation is intended to permit the Health Professional Licensing Administration to identify and track individuals who are not licensed, not registered, or otherwise not authorized to practice a health profession in the District of Columbia.

Specifically, the proposed legislation would require, upon request by the Health Professional Licensing Administration (HPLA), each employer who directly or indirectly employs a health professional as defined in the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq.*) to provide the name, Social Security number, and professional title of each health professional who is

employed or placed to practice in the District to the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA).

The legislation would require employers to report the requested information to HPLA within 30 days of the request and would subject employers failing to meet this requirement to a fine.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds would be sufficient in the proposed FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation *if* Council enacts either the proposed Clinical Laboratory Practitioners Amendment Act of 2007 or the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 Amendment Act of 2007. Both of these bills would generate new revenues for the Health Occupations Regulation Fund which would cover the projected costs of the Health Professional Employer Reporting Act of 2007.

The proposed legislation would require the Health Professional Licensing Administration to hire an additional data entry staff member to input and track health employer information as per the requirements set forth in this bill. If either the proposed Clinical Laboratory Practitioners Amendment Act of 2007 or the proposed Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 Amendment Act of 2007 is enacted by Council, the Health Occupations Regulation Fund would have sufficient fund balances to cover the immediate and out-year costs of the Health Professional Employer Reporting Act of 2007. The Fund is administered by the Department of Health (DOH) without fiscal year limitation. Fund balances would need to be appropriated for the purposes of this bill, and specific authorization would be required for any increases in staffing.

Estimated Revenue Impact to the Financial Plan					
	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	4-Year Total
Expenditures	\$51,920	\$53,737	\$55,618	\$57,565	\$218,840
Available Fund Balance Required*	\$51,920	\$53,737	\$55,618	\$57,565	\$218,840

* Available fund balances are contingent upon the passage of the Clinical Laboratory Practitioners Amendment Act of 2007 or the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 Amendment Act of 2007.