

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: April 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Stimulus Accountability Act of 2009”

REFERENCE: Bill 18-350, Draft Committee Print

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the provision of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would require all recipients¹ of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to report to the Department of Employment Services (DOES) the number of jobs created as a result of the funds, and the number of those jobs that are filled by District residents. Under the proposed bill, DOES would be responsible for collecting and maintaining the data. The agency would not be responsible for enforcing the reporting requirements or verifying the accuracy of the data.

An emergency version (DC Act 18-143) and a temporary version (DC Law 18-75) of this bill were enacted in July 2009.

¹ This includes all grantees, subgrantees, contractors, and subcontractors who receive funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. There would be no costs to implement the proposed legislation. After the passage of the Stimulus Accountability Emergency Act of 2009, DC Act 18-143, DOES had to reprogram its Virtual One Stop (VOS) system² so that recipients of ARRA funds could report the required information online. The agency incurred a one-time cost of approximately \$50,000 to do so, which was paid through federal funds received in FY 2009 through the Workforce Investment Act and ARRA.

² The VOS system is a web-based workforce development system designed to provide District residents and employers with job and training information.