

**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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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 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Tenant Organization Petition Standing Amendment Act of 2010”

REFERENCE: Bill Number 18-598, Draft Committee Print shared with OCFO on April 26, 2010

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District’s budget and financial plan.

Background

The proposed legislation would¹ give tenant organizations the right to appear and represent an individual tenant in a proceeding under the Rental Housing Act initiated by or against a housing provider when a member of the tenant organization has provided written authorization for the tenant organization to represent them. This includes rental housing cases before the Rent Administrator and the Office of Administrative Hearings. Currently, tenant associations can only appear if they represent a majority of tenants in a building.

¹ By amending the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Code §42-3501 *et seq.*), and Chapter 29 (Office of Administrative Hearings Appellate Rules of Practice and Procedure) of Title 1 (Mayor and Executive Agencies) and Chapter 39 (Rental Accommodations and Conversion Division) of Title 14 (Housing) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan.