

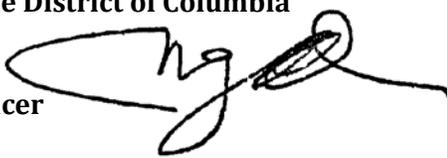
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Philip H. Mendelson
Chair, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
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DATE: August 28, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Metropolitan Washington Airports
Authority Emergency Amendment Act of 2012”

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on August 15,
2012

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) was created in 1985¹ through joint legislative actions of the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia to assume operational control of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport from the federal government. In 1987, through the Federal Transfer Act, MWAA officially assumed control through a 50-year lease.² Today, these jurisdictions, along with the state of Maryland and the President of the United States, appoint 13 members of the Board of Directors.³

The bill is the necessary legislative action needed to implement changes to MWAA recommended⁴ by the United States Congress.⁵ These changes include increasing the number of members of the

¹ District of Columbia Regional Airports Authority Act of 1985, effective December 3, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-67; D.C. Official Code § 9-901 *et seq.*).

² Metropolitan Washington Airports Act (also known as the Federal Transfer Act) of 1986, approved October 30, 1986 (P.L. 99-500, Title VI).

³ Virginia appoints 5, the District appoints 3, Maryland appoints 2, and the President appoints 3.

⁴ Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012, effective November 8, 2011 (P.L. 112-55).

⁵ Congress does not have the power to implement specific changes at MWAA, so subsequent jurisdictional legislative action is required.

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MWAA Board of Directors from 13 to 17,⁶ meeting quorum from 7 to 9 members, and affirmative votes to approve budget and bonding issues from 9 to 10. Additionally, the bill's changes ensure a board member can be re-appointed for one additional term.⁷

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Implementation of this bill allows the District to appoint 1 additional board member for a total of 4. These positions are unpaid and MWAA operates on an independent budget, so there is no impact on the District's budget and financial plan.

⁶ Virginia will appoint 7, the District will appoint 4, Maryland will appoint 3, and the President will appoint 3 members to the MWAA Board of Directors.

⁷ A permanent version of this bill, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Amendment Act of 2012 (Bill 19-829), was introduced in Council on June 29, 2012 and includes an applicability provision that would not allow new board members to begin service until all members are appointed pursuant to U.S.C. § 49106(c)(1). This provision is not included in the emergency bill.