

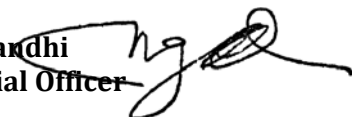
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: June 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Mayor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Health, and Nutrition Establishment Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: Bill 19-34, Draft Committee Print Shared with the OCFO on June 20, 2011

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would establish the Mayor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Health, and Nutrition (“Mayor’s Council”) to improve the health and wellness of all District residents through physical activity and healthy eating. The Mayor’s Council would:

- Be comprised of up to 25 members, including the following individuals or their designees: the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Chancellor of District of Columbia Public Schools, the Chair of the Public Charter School Board, the Director of the Department of Aging, and the Director of the Department of Health (DOH). The Mayor would choose one of these individuals to serve as the chairperson;
- Meet at least two times per year;
- Advise the Mayor on matters related to physical fitness, obesity, and nutrition;
- Develop objectives to raise awareness of the risks of obesity and the benefits of physical activity, fitness and healthy eating;
- Publish an annual report on the state of physical fitness, obesity, and nutrition, including any recommendations;
- Publish an annual report detailing all gifts, donations, and other funds received and of all its expenditures; and

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- Perform any other duties as necessary.

DOH would be required to assist with the administrative functions of the Mayor's Council, and to provide them with data related to physical activity, nutrition and obesity, as well as technical assistance, for the annual fitness report.

The proposed legislation also would establish the Fitness Fund, a non-lapsing fund separate from the General Fund that would be used solely for the Mayor's Council. No more than five percent of the monies in the Fitness Fund could be used for administrative purposes in any given year. The sources of revenue for the Fitness Fund would include: 1) all general revenue funds appropriated for the Mayor's Council; and 2) any contributions received through solicitation, as gifts, as donations or by any other revenue source.

Lastly, the proposed legislation would establish an executive committee to advise the Mayor's Council. This committee would be comprised of no more than 10 members of the Mayor's Council, be led by the chairperson of the Mayor's Council, and meet at least once every quarter of the year.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed budget and financial plan accounts for the estimated \$15,000 per year cost of implementing this bill. This cost represents the additional administrative personnel (.25 FTE) DOH would need to support the Mayor's Council and the executive committee (*i.e.* prepare documents and/or research for meetings, take notes at meetings, scheduling, etc.), and to assist in writing the two required annual reports.