

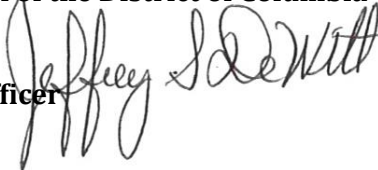
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** June 5, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Helicopter Landing Pad Amendment Act of 2018”

**REFERENCE:** Bill 22-579, Committee print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on April 30, 2018

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 and proposed fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill authorizes the operation of new helipads at Level One Trauma Centers<sup>1</sup> in the District. Currently, only helipads that were in operation prior to 1987 are permitted. If a Level One Trauma Center helipad exceeds 175 round trip flights in a calendar year, the Mayor shall analyze the use of the helipad and determine whether to pursue the adoption of rules to restrict the use of the helipad. The analysis is to be presented to Council and to affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions for public comment. The Mayor, in consultation with affected ANC’s, shall determine whether to curtail helicopter flights between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:59 a.m.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 and proposed fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. It is expected that only one new helipad (at George Washington University Hospital) would be built following enactment of this legislation. If the new helipad exceeds 175 flights in a calendar year, the cost of the required analysis can be absorbed within current resources.

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<sup>1</sup> D.C. Official Code § 7-2341.19. For a list of Level One Trauma Centers in the District, visit: <https://www.facs.org/search/trauma-centers?state=DC> (last accessed June 4, 2018).