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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: September 21, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Debit Cards Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-326, Draft Committee Print sent to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 21, 2018

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill allows¹ each Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) to obtain one debit card associated with its checking account to pay for purchases. Currently ANCs may pay for purchases using only check or cash.

Each ANC that obtains a debit card must do so according to procedures created by the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC). Debit card expenditures will be limited based on the ANC's quarterly allotment.

When an ANC uses a debit card to make a purchase, the purchase must be made in the name of the Commission; authorized by at least two ANC officers, one of whom must be the Treasurer or Chairperson; and conducted according to OANC procedures. The Treasurer will keep written documentation of authorizations, which should include the signatures of the two officers who authorized the expenditure.

¹ By amending Section 16 of the Advisory Neighborhood Councils Act of 1975, effective October 10, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-21; D.C. Official Code § 1-309.01 et seq.)

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The OANC will review the debit card purchases, as it does all ANC purchases.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill does not have a fiscal impact. Use of the debit cards will not impact ANC expenditures since spending will still be limited by ANC allotments. The additional work of reviewing and monitoring debit card purchases can be absorbed by OANC.