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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:** October 3, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - Study of Long-Term Care Facilities and Long-

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**Term Care Services Act of 2018** 

**REFERENCE:** Bill 22-690, Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue

Analysis on September 20, 2018

#### Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$118,400 in fiscal year 2019.

# **Background**

The bill requires¹ the Department of Health to complete a study using a community-based participatory research framework that evaluates the availability of affordable long-term care facilities and long-term care services in the District. The study must be completed by February 1, 2019 and must:

- Review the availability of affordable long-term care facilities;
- Evaluate the number of beds available at long-term care facilities;
- Identify the payment sources accepted by long-term care facilities for the provision of long-term care services;
- Develop an estimate of the number of District residents who receive long-term care services from long-term care facilities located in Virginia and Maryland;
- Assess the availability of long-term care services provided to residents in the community, along with the source of reimbursement for each service provided;
- Identify the number of residents receiving long-term care services in the community who transitioned in the preceding year to a long-term care facility either within or outside of the District:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> By amending The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 et seq.).

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FIS: Bill 22-690, "Study of Long-Term Care Facilities and Long-Term Care Services Act of 2018," Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 20, 2018.

- Develop an estimate of the number of District residents who may require long-term care services over the next 10-year period; and
- Recommend resources and sources of revenue to ensure residents have access to affordable long-term care services in the District.

## **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$118,400 in fiscal year 2019.

The Department of Health will need to hire a health economist or demographer to complete the long-term care study. The cost of hiring an individual with this expertise will be \$118,400 in fiscal year 2019.

Study of Long-Term Care Facilities and Long-Term Care Services Act of 2018 Total Fiscal Impact					
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Total
Salary and Fringe(a)	\$118,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,400
Total Fiscal Impact	\$118,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,400

#### Table Notes:

a) One Grade 12, Step 8 Health Economist/Demographer at a fringe rate of 21.4 percent.