


Government of the District of Columbia
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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: January 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – District of Columbia Office of Resilience and Recovery Establishment Act of 2020

REFERENCE: Bill 23-130, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 8, 2020

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill establishes an Office of Resilience and Recovery (ORR) to develop short-term and long-term action plans that promote the term mitigation, adaptation, and resilience of the District's economy, communities, infrastructure, and natural resources. The ORR will be headed by a Chief Resilience Officer (CRO) who serves as the point person for the District's efforts on resiliency. The CRO must do the following:

- Bring together stakeholders from across the District to establish a compelling vision and driving the resilience conversation in the District;
- Serve as the District's resilience representative by participating in technical training and learning opportunities;
- Review, revise, and update Resilient DC annually;
- Provide guidance and strategies for District agencies to implement resiliency measures;
- Publish an annual sustainability progress report, on or before October 1st, detailing to the Council the District's progress toward a sustainable and vibrant future;
- Develop and track metrics to measure the efficacy of adaptation and resiliency at the state level;

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- Assist community organizations to develop resilience and preparedness plans by 2022;
- Develop and mobilize strategies to build partnerships between all levels of government and the private sector, where appropriate;
- Develop, in coordination with relevant state and private entities, climate adaptation- and resiliency-focused recommendations for the prevention of, and recovery from, natural disasters;
- Respond to recommendations and policy statements from the Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency;
- Collaborate with a global coalition of Chief Resilience Officers in cities around the world;
- Engage the next generation of leaders in resilience-building by 2028;
- Assist with development of a communication strategy for the District's resilience-building efforts;
- Promote objectives and create an online campaign to build awareness of climate adaption and resilience planning among District residents by 2022; and
- Perform other relevant duties as the Mayor may assign.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill codifies the existing duties and responsibilities of the Office of Resilience and Recovery within the Office of the City Administrator. No additional resources are required to implement the bill.