

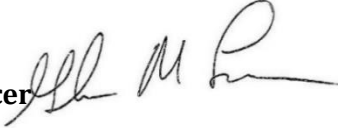
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: March 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Floodplain Review Authority Amendment Act of 2024

REFERENCE: Bill 25-356, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on February 23, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) reviews all District building permits, subdivision proposals, and wastewater systems to ensure that buildings sites are safe from flooding, appropriate flood-resistant materials are used, and that construction methods minimize flood damage. Additionally, if a building is located in a flood hazard area, the District can require that the building obtain flood insurance as a condition of occupancy.

In 2021, the review of building permits, development proposals, wastewater systems, and all related flood zone area requirements were delegated to the Department of Buildings (DOB) as part of the Department of Buildings Establishment Act of 2020.¹ This authority is currently repealed under temporary legislation.²

The bill permanently repeals this delegation of authority.

¹ Effective April 5, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-269; D.C. Official Code § 6-507).

² Floodplain Review Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective December 1, 2023 (D.C. Law 25-85; 70 DCR 15723).

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DOEE has maintained the authority over these functions under a 2006 Mayor's Order.³ There are no costs associated with permanently repealing the current delegation of authority to DOB and continuing the authority at DOEE.

³ Mayor's Order 2006-61, issued June 14, 2006, section (III)(9).