

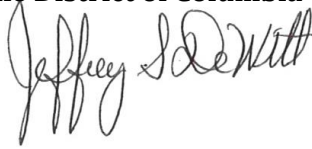
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: July 2, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Healthy Parks Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-681, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 19, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 budget and the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The bill's implementation will cost approximately \$891,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$3.7 million over the four-year financial plan period in District local funding. Additional costs of approximately \$621,000 annually will be funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Background

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) hosts and supports two meals programs for children in the District on behalf of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). The first is the USDA Summer Food Service Program.¹ DPR sponsors over 140 sites² including at DPR facilities, public libraries, churches, schools, and other community centers. The second is USDA's Child and Adult Food Care Program's At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program.³ This program is managed by two non-profit providers on behalf of OSSE, but it is located at twenty-one DPR sites and receives some implementation support from the DPR.

The bill amends the food quality standards for food provided or sold at DPR buildings, grounds, and other facilities by DPR or one of its agents. Providers of meals through the Summer Food Service Program or the Afterschool Meals Program must conform to the Healthy Schools Act's nutritional

¹ <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program>

² [https://dpr.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dpr/service_content/attachments/Open%20Site%20List 2018.pdf](https://dpr.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dpr/service_content/attachments/Open%20Site%20List%202018.pdf)

³ <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/afterschool-programs>

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standards.⁴ Providers of food through snacks, concessions, vending machines, or other means must conform to the federal competitive food nutrition standards.⁵

The bill also directs DPR to manage and expand the Afterschool Meals Program to provide a supper meal for all eligible youth attending afterschool programs, participating on athletic teams, or otherwise present at an eligible DPR facility.

The bill requires DPR to publish an annual plan on how it will increase participation in both the Summer Food Service Program and the Afterschool Meals Program. DPR should work with community groups, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and the Council of the District of Columbia to develop the plan.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 budget and the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The DPR management and expansion of the Afterschool Meals Program would encompass taking over management of the existing twenty-one sites and growing the program to forty-six DPR sites while providing approximately one thousand meals each school day. DPR would need to provide or procure meals, hire additional staff to prepare and serve the meals, and manage the Afterschool Meals Program. DPR will need to hire three full-time program support staffers, fifty-three part-time food monitors and safety personnel, and enhance two existing staff positions to manage and implement the full and expanded Afterschool Meals Program. These personnel additions and changes will cost \$891,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$3.7 million over the four-year financial plan period. DPR does not have these resources in its existing budget to implement the bill.

USDA will provide 100 percent of the funding for the food costs of approximately \$590,000 annually. The USDA grant will also support approximately \$31,000 in administrative services for the Afterschool Meals Program.

There are no costs associated with amending the food quality standards for food provided at DPR facilities. DPR already works on plans to expand the Summer Food Service Program and can absorb any costs associated with that provision with its existing budgeted resources.

We do not expect DPR would begin implementation until fiscal year 2019. The chart below outlines the bill's implementation costs in more detail.

⁴ Health Schools Act of 2010, effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-209; D.C. Official Code § 38-822.02).

⁵ 7 C.F.R. § 210.11.

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Healthy Parks Amendment Act of 2018					
Bill 22-681					
Implementation Costs					
Fiscal Year 2019 – Fiscal Year 2022					
(\$000s)					
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Total
Meals ^a	\$569	\$583	\$597	\$611	\$2,360
Administrative Costs ^a	\$38	\$29	\$29	\$29	\$125
Personnel ^b	\$891	\$907	\$922	\$939	\$3,659
Total Costs	\$1,498	\$1,519	\$1,548	\$1,579	\$6,144

Table Notes

^a These costs are federally funded and includes some one-time administrative costs for the fiscal year 2019.

^b Accounts for hiring 3 full-time employees, 53 part-time employees, and enhancing the salary of 2 existing full-time employees. These costs are locally funded.