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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Fitzroy Lee

Interim Chief Financial Officer

DATE: June 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Insurer Corporate Governance Annual

Report Act of 2021

REFERENCE: Bill 24-225, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue

Analysis on June 9, 2021

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 budget and the proposed fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires an insurance company or group to file an annual disclosure with the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking (DISB) outlining its corporate governance structures, policies, and practices. If an insurer is part of an insurance group, then the insurance group only needs to file the annual disclosure with the lead state. The DISB Commissioner must keep confidential any information included in the annual disclosure, however the bill allows DISB to disclose information to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). If DISB hires a third-party consultant to assist in the review of annual disclosure filings, the confidentiality requirements extend to the consultant. The disclosure must be filed by June 1st each calendar year.

The bill is similar to model legislation the District is required to pass to maintain accreditation with NAIC.²

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ The lead state is typically the state where the insurance group is incorporated.

² https://content.naic.org/cipr_topics/topic_corporate_governance.htm.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson FIS: Bill 24-225, "Insurer Corporate Governance Annual Report Act of 2021," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 9, 2021

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 budget and the proposed fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The District is required to pass this legislation to maintain accreditation with NAIC. DISB can absorb any costs associated with reviewing the corporate governance annual disclosures within its existing budgeted resources. Any insurer or insurance group that fails to file its annual disclosure can be fined \$1,000 per day, up to \$25,000. This is a national standard, so insurers are expected to comply, and any fine revenues are expected to be de minimis.