

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeff DeWitt
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DATE: November 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Clean Hands Election Reform Amendment Act of 2014”

REFERENCE: Bill 20-718, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 20, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires candidates for elected office to obtain a “clean hands” certification from the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF). The certification will provide that the candidate or a candidate’s previous campaign or political committee owes no outstanding fines or fees to the Board of Elections or OCF, is making payments on current fines or fees owed, or is contesting a fine or fee and has a hearing pending.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The OCF must conduct a record search before providing certification, but it has sufficient staff to meet the requirements of the bill.