

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:** April 15, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Special Event Waste Diversion Act of 2014

**REFERENCE:** Bill 20-344, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on April 11, 2014

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 budget and the proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

Currently, organizers of large public events must apply for a special event permit through the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. Multiple District agencies, such as the Metropolitan Police Department, the Department of Public Works (DPW), and the Department of Transportation, participate in the approval process and each is responsible for different aspects of the event. One of DPW's roles in the permit approval process is to ensure that applicants have appropriate waste management plans for the event.

The bill requires the planners of special events to provide onsite infrastructure for the separation of recycling and recyclable waste.<sup>1</sup> Any violators will be subject to a \$5,000 fine.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 budget and the proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

DPW's special events and waste management group, which is responsible for reviewing special event permits, will not approve an event that does not provide recycling infrastructure. However,

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<sup>1</sup> This does not apply to events with fewer than 100 expected attendees.

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DPW does not typically have a presence at events and any day-of-event enforcement will be minimal or non-existent. Thus, the Office of Revenue Analysis does not project any revenues from the \$5,000 fine.