GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: November 5, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Capitol Hill Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2002"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 14-770

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to approve the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2002; there is no negative fiscal impact.

Background

The Capitol Hill Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2002 would amend the Business Improvement Districts Act of 1996 to authorize the establishment and administration of a business improvement district (BID) on Capitol Hill. If passed, this bill would implement a special assessment on commercial and residential property, and would be in addition to existing taxes that are deposited in the general fund. The special assessment would be collected by the District, and passed through to the Capitol Hill BID to be used for neighborhood initiatives. Other Washington DC BIDs include the Downtown BID and the Golden Triangle BID.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to approve the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2002. All pre-existing taxes will be collected from businesses located within the Capitol Hill BID and deposited in the General Fund. The special assessments this bill would allow are additional revenue that would be used solely for Capitol Hill business development projects.