

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: February 6, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Cable Television Reform
Amendment Act of 2001"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 14-480 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required.

Background

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to replace the Cable Television Communications Act of 1981, D.C. Code Title 34, Chapter 12, and to establish new cable television policies and provisions to reflect changes in technology and to encourage competition in the cable television industry in the District. The proposed legislation further defines the regulatory framework under which the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications (OCTT) operates. Issues addressed in the legislation include OCTT funding, cable television franchise application procedures, franchise renewal, and franchise fees.

Financial Plan Impact

The proposed legislation further regulates the District's cable television industry, but has no fiscal impact on the District's FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan. OCTT is funded entirely through O-type revenue generated from fees paid by cable franchises operating in the District; the proposed legislation does not change its funding structure.