Government of the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Natwar M. Gandhi Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M. Ganghi,

Chief Financial Officer

DATE:

JUN 25 2007

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement: "Freedom of Information Homeland Security

Amendment Act of 2007"

REFERENCE:

Draft Legislation to be Introduced - No Number Available

Conclusion

The proposed legislation will have no impact on the FY 2007 budget or the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan. No additional staff or resources will be required.

Background

The proposed legislation amends the Freedom of Information Act. The proposed legislation, based in part on federal guidelines, establishes limited protections for Government of the District of Columbia data. The proposed legislation would create a narrow new exemption to protect critical infrastructure data. The proposed legislation also expands D.C. FOIA exemption 10 to exempt geospatial data received from other jurisdictions that are based on intergovernmental data sharing agreements. These agreements structure joint emergency response plans or vulnerability assessments.

In addition, the proposed legislation would revise the existing investigatory records exemption to conform to the federal exemption especially in the case of law enforcement records, information, techniques and procedures.

¹ Section 552 of title 5, United States Code; D.C. Official Code Title 2 § 531 et sequitor September 15, 1976.

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Financial Plan Impact

The proposed legislation will have no impact on the budget and financial plan. No additional staff or resources will be required.