


Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: June 2, 2009

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Establishment of Anacostia River Commemorative License Plates Amendment”

REFERENCE: Draft Amendment to B18-150, as shared with the OCFO on June 1, 2009

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment would have a small positive, but unknown, impact on the budget and financial plan.

Background

The proposed amendment would amend Bill 18-150 “Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Act of 2009” to make available Anacostia River Commemorative License Plates (“commemorative plates”) to enhance public awareness of the District’s efforts to restore and protect the Anacostia. The proposed amendment would require the Mayor to produce and make available the commemorative plates for a one-time fee of \$25. There would also be a biennial \$20 renewal fee for registration plates issued. The revenue generated from the fees would be used to cover the costs of producing and issuing the commemorative plates. Any additional revenue would be deposited into the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Fund.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed amendment.

It is not possible to estimate the revenue impact of the proposed amendment at the time of this analysis, given that data on potential implementation costs and participation rates were not available. However, the proposed amendment is expected to have a modest positive revenue impact. For illustrative purposes only, assuming net revenue collected for each license plate (after implementation costs are considered) is \$15 and 3 percent of new vehicle registrations in the District opt to purchase the commemorative plates, the District could expect to generate approximately \$24,400 annually. A small amount of additional revenue would also be generated from the renewal fees in the out years.¹

¹ In FY 2008, there were 57,331 new vehicle registrations in the District. Data on noncommercial and commercial vehicle registration were not available at the time of this analysis; however, it is assumed that 95 percent of new registrations are noncommercial. This is based on the share of noncommercial licensed drivers in the District as of January 2009.