


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
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: June 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Amendment Act of 2014”

REFERENCE: Bill 20-505, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 23, 2014

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill makes permanent the current temporary law,¹ which exempts critical infrastructure² information that is intended to prevent or to mitigate an act of terrorism from disclosure under freedom of information requirements.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 budget, and proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the legislation. Exempting sensitive information from disclosure requirements does not have a fiscal impact.³

¹ “Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Temporary Amendment Act of 2013,” effective from February 22, 2014, expires on October 3, 2014 (D.C. Law 20-0071; 61 DCR 3461).

² Critical Infrastructure is defined in the bill as “existing and proposed systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the District of Columbia or the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such infrastructure system or asset would adversely affect the physical security, economic security, health, safety, or welfare of the public.”

³ Freedom of Information Act of 1976, effective March 25, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D. C. Official Code § 2-531 *et seq.*)