

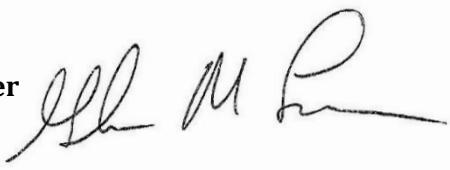
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: October 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Business Records Efficiency Act of 2022

REFERENCE: Bill 24-925, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on September 20, 2022

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Under current law, litigants in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia must have a live witness authenticate a business record before it can be admitted into evidence. The bill allows¹ a business record to be admitted into evidence without the need for a witness to be present to authenticate a record, as long as the record is certified via a written declaration by a qualified person (such as a business employee).

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Allowing litigants to enter business records into evidence without having a live, in-person witness present to authenticate the record does not have a cost.

¹ By amending Chapter 5 of Title 14 of the District of Columbia Official Code.