

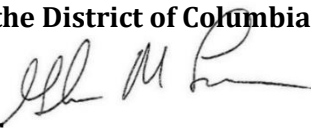
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: July 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – DC Water Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Clarification Amendment Act of 2024

REFERENCE: Bill 25-424, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 26, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 budget and the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

District law allows the general public to access District government documents, information, and other official records with limited exceptions.¹ The bill makes permanent an exception for information related to District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) infrastructure. This exception is currently in effect under temporary legislation.² The bill also amends the definition of critical infrastructure to include DC Water infrastructure.

¹ Freedom of Information Act of 1976, effective March 29, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D.C. Official Code § 2-531 et seq).

² DC Water Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, effective November 28, 2023 (D.C. Law 25-78; 70 DCR 15613).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 25-424, "DC Water Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Clarification Amendment Act of 2024," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 26, 2024

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 budget and the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There are no costs associated with exempting DC Water's infrastructure records and information from freedom of information requests.