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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: November 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Pesticide Education and Control Amendment Act of 2016

REFERENCE: Bill 21-580, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 21, 2016

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The Department of Energy and Environment's (DOEE) Toxic Substances Division regulates pesticide use and applicators of pesticides within the District. The bill eliminates the category of non-essential pesticides as a list of pesticides that must be maintained by DOEE and are prohibited from use at schools, child-occupied facilities, waterbody-contingent properties, and District properties. The bill continues to restrict pesticide use at these locations, but pesticide applicators are limited to using minimum risk¹ and organic pesticides.²

The bill does allow for any pesticide, except a District restricted pesticide,³ to be used at these locations if it is controlling for a poisonous or venomous plant or animal; pests or weeds while engaged in agriculture or forestry; or any plant, pest or organism that harms the health of trees or

¹ These pesticides are registered with DOEE, but are not subject to federal registration requirements under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, approved June 23, 1947 (61 Stat. 16; 7 U.S.C. § 16 et seq.).

² Pesticides containing only active ingredients published in the National List at 7 C.F.R. §§ 205.601 and 205.606.

³ Pesticides classified as restricted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or as determined by DOEE.

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humans or causes significant economic damage. If a pesticide is used under these conditions, then the applicator must report the reason for using the restricted pesticide to DOEE.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DOEE's Toxic Substances Division currently regulates pesticide use in the District and can absorb any costs associated with these changes within its existing resources.