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Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

ТО:	The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
FROM:	Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer
DATE:	October 31, 2024
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Impact Statement – Pesticide Operations Amendment Act of 2024
REFERENCE:	Bill 25-569, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 11, 2024

Conclusion

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

Background

The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) regulates the application and use of pesticides in the District. DOEE ensures that pesticide applicators¹ are certified and licensed and that only approved pesticides are used in the District.

The bill expands DOEE's ability to categorize certified applicators for potential certification and licensure to include private individuals. Currently, DOEE can only create categories for commercial applicators based on the types of pesticides they use, the purposes of their use, the type of equipment used, and other factors DOEE determines are important.²

This expansion is currently in effect under temporary legislation.³

¹ Certified applicators are individuals certified by the Mayor as being competent to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides or other pesticides covered by the certification. (D.C. Official Code § 8-401(e)).

² Pesticide Operations Act of 1977, effective April 18, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-70; D.C. Official Code § 8-403(b)).

³ Pesticide Operations Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, effective September 4, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-206; 71 DCR 10777).

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill's implementation will ensure that DOEE's laws and regulations are consistent with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act⁴ and that DOEE stays in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency. The bill allows DOEE make determinations about the types of pesticides an individual can apply or not apply on their property and DOEE can absorb any implementation costs within the agency's existing budgeted resources.

⁴ Effective June 25, 1947 (Public Law 80-104; 61 Stat. 163).