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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee

Chief Financial Officer

DATE: November 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - Constituent Unemployment Compensation

Information Amendment Act of 2022

REFERENCE: Bill 24-559, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue

Analysis on October 17, 2022

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill requires the Department of Employment Services (DOES) to promptly share unemployment insurance claim and benefit information with a member of Council, upon the Councilmember's request, for the purposes of oversight and constituent service, provided that the individual or employing unit has authorized the disclosure and the Councilmember has complied with federal requirements regarding safeguard and security of the information.

Similar legislation has been in effect on an emergency and temporary basis since December 2021.1

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DOES will need to regularly provide Councilmembers and their staff with appropriate training to ensure that all unemployment compensation information is protected per

¹ D.C. Law 24-91and D.C. Act 24-593

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federal and DOES requirements and annually review implemented security measures. DOES can absorb this work within its current resources.