

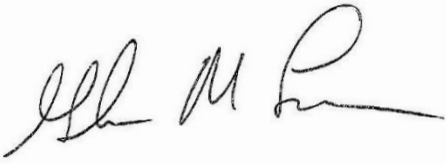
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: November 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Fairness in Use and Negotiation for All
Recreational Property Act of 2022

REFERENCE: Bill 24-554, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on October 24, 2022

Conclusion

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

Background

Current law allows the Mayor to lease public recreational space to private entities without public input or Council review as long as an agreement has a value of less than \$1 million. The bill changes the approval process for long-term leasing of recreational space to private entities by doing the following:

- Requiring the Mayor to hold at least one public hearing to obtain community input to inform the Mayor's determination whether a property should be exclusively leased;
- Requiring the Mayor to provide at least 30 days' notice of the public hearing to the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions; and
- Requiring the Mayor to submit to Council a proposed resolution for review and approval that includes:
 - The exclusive agreement, and
 - An analysis including a physical description of the property, name of intended parties, description of the permitted use, financial terms of the agreement, executed term sheet or memorandum of understanding between the District and the intended party, an explanation on how the agreement is in the best interest of the District, and how the agreement will impact racial equity in the District.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 24-554, "Fairness in Use and Negotiation for All Recreational Property Act of 2022," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 24, 2022

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Requiring a public hearing, public notice, and an analysis of long-term leasing of recreational space does not have a cost. This type of work is already completed by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of General Services when determining whether to enter into a long-term leasing agreement with a private entity. Reporting this information to the Council requires no additional resources.