

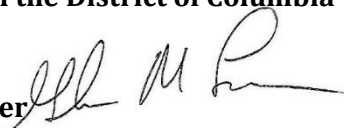
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: October 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Soil Disclosures Modernization Amendment Act of 2022

REFERENCE: Bill 24-666, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 29, 2022

Conclusion

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

Background

The District requires any contract for the transfer of property to include the characteristics of the soil located on the subject property. The bill updates the required source of soil characteristics to be the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service's most recent soil survey. The bill also eliminates an allowance in the law for the buyer of a property to contact the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) for additional soil testing or information.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DOEE does not presently support soil testing or other related activities for property transfers, so there are no costs associated with removing this DOEE allowance.

Updating the soil characteristic source to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's most recent soil survey from the current 1976 USDA¹ standard does not impose any costs on the District's budget.

¹ The USDA's Soil Conservation Service's 1976 Soil Survey of the District of Columbia.