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MEMORANDUM


TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: October 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Workforce Job Development Grant Making Authority Emergency Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: Draft legislation shared with OCFO on September 23, 2011



Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would provide, on an emergency basis, the Department of Employment Services (DOES) the authority to issue grants from funds appropriated by the District of Columbia or made available to the District of Columbia pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Under the proposed legislation, grant making authority would apply to grants for workforce job development purposes,¹ and would reside with the Director of DOES.

Under current law, DOES has effectively no authority to administer funds and fund grants for workforce job development purposes. For example, DOES has a role in recommending and selecting providers for the Job Opportunity Bank, but the grants are funded by the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development. The proposed legislation would transfer this authority to DOES and allow it to fund grants that the Mayor, Director of DOES, or an agency receive through an intra-District transfer, a memorandum of understanding, or a reprogramming from an agency lacking grant making authority.

¹ These purposes are defined in Title 32 (Labor), Chapters 2 (Employment of Minors), 7 (Health Care Benefits Expansion), 13 (Payment and Collection of Wages), and 16 (Workforce Investment Implementation) of the D.C. Official Code.

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan because DOES currently has the staff capacity and resources needed to carry out the proposed grant making authority.

It is important to note that this determination of no fiscal impact assumes no unanticipated additional federal Workforce Investment Act funds, which could increase the grant making workload for DOES and lead to the need for additional staff capacity. The proposed legislation simply transfers responsibility for workforce job development grant making to DOES from other District of Columbia agencies, and thus does not in and of itself impact the net funding for, or workload resulting from, such grant making in the District.