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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

FROM: Jennifer Budoff - Budget Director *Jennifer Budoff*

DATE: January 31, 2014

SHORT TITLE: "Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification
Emergency Amendment Act of 2014"

TYPE: Emergency/Temporary

REQUESTED BY: Councilmember Tommy Wells

Conclusion

This legislation will not have an adverse impact on the District's budget and financial plan because there is no cost associated with implementing this legislation.

Background

This emergency legislation is identical to earlier emergency/temporary legislation enacted in Council Period 19 (Acts 19-466 and 19-491). Like those expired acts, this legislation would amend the Animal Protection Amendment Act of 2008 to permit educational institutions to possess animals—such as frogs, geckos, tadpoles, and other species not specifically cited in DC Official Code § 8-1808(h)(1)— for educational and instructional purposes.

According to the Department of Health, schools across the District that possess these animals are in violation of D.C. Official Code § 8-1808(h)(1). The schools have been notified that the animals are illegal and have been ordered to remove them from the premises immediately. This emergency action would amend the Animal Protection Act to allow educational institutions to legally possess animals for educational and instructional purposes, provided that the institutions comply with humane, sanitary and safe treatment standards.

Analysis of Impact on Spending

This legislation will not adversely impact spending.

Analysis of Impact on Revenue

This legislation will not adversely impact revenue.