

AMENDMENTS PACKET NO. 3

Bill 21-157, "Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request Act of 2015"
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Chairman Phil Mendelson

AN AMENDMENT

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(Draft Committee Print)
May 27, 2015

AMENDMENT:

1. Department of the Environment is reduced by \$250,000 local funds in Comptroller Source Group 50 (Subsidies and Transfers);
2. Office the of People's Counsel is increased by \$250,000 local funds in Comptroller Source Group 50 (Subsidies and Transfers);

RATIONALE:

This amendment would have the effect of transferring responsibility for the public utility grant study from the Department of the Environment to the Office of the People's Counsel.

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AMENDMENT:

1. Office of Film, Television, and Entertainment: An increase of \$500,000 local funds (one time) (NPS) to Comptroller Source Group 50.
2. A decrease of \$500,000 local funds (one-time) from elimination of the Structural Imbalance Commission.

RATIONALE:

The increased funding to the Office of Film, Television, and Entertainment raises the level of the Film Fund to \$2,500,00.


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Amendment:

The operating budget for the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development is increased by \$2,000,000 in one-time special purpose revenue funds (CSG 50 – Subsidies and Transfers) from the H Street N(CSG 50) in FY 2016 for the purpose of providing grants to Qualified High Technology Companies, pursuant to section 2153 of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Support Act of 2015.

Rationale:

This amendment increases the special purpose revenue budget of DMPED by \$2 million, using H Street NE Retail Priority Area fund balance, to provide grants to Qualified High Technology Companies pursuant to an associated BSA amendment.


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AN AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT:

Title VI, subtitle K, Page 136, Line 2755 is amended by striking the phrase "Department of the Environment" and inserting the phrase "Office of the People's Counsel".

RATIONALE:

This amendment would have the effect of transferring responsibility for the public utility grant study from the Department of the Environment to the Office of the People's Counsel.

AN AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT:

Title VI, subtitle T, Page 153, is amended by striking subparagraph (B), Line 2755".

RATIONALE:

This amendment would eliminate the means-testing requirement for the Kids Ride Free Metrorail Benefit program.

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Amendment:

A new subtitle is added to Title VII to read as follows:

SUBTITLE _. RETAIL SERVICE STATION TRANSFER TAX

Sec. _1. Short title.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Retail Service Station Transfer Tax Act of 2015".

Sec. _2. Section 47-903(a-5) of the District of Columbia Official Code is repealed.

Rationale:

This amendment would remove the additional 5% tax that is levied on transfers of retail services stations. Retail service station transfers would be taxed at the same rate as other commercial properties: 1.45%.

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Amendment:

Subtitle II-R is amended by adding a new section 2153 to read as follows:

Sec. 2153. Section 3(c) of the H Street, N.E., Retail Priority Area Incentive Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-354; D.C. Official Code § 1-325.172 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase "; and" in its place.

(b) A new paragraph (3) is added to read as follows:

"(3)(A) In Fiscal Year 2016, the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development may use monies credited to the Fund to award up to \$2,000,000 in grants to one or more Qualified High Technology Companies ("QHTCs"), as defined by D.C. Official Code § 47-1817.01(5), for the purpose of assisting the recipients in making improvements to building space that is rented, or to be rented, and occupied exclusively, or to be occupied exclusively, by those QHTCs.

"(B) The total amount of grants to a single recipient shall not exceed \$1,000,000."

Rationale:

This amendment would allow DMPED to issue grants for QHTCs in FY 2016 using funds in the H St. NE Retail Priority Area Fund, the same source as proposed in the Mayor's introduced FY 2016 Budget Support Act.