



Councilmember Tommy Wells

AN AMENDMENT

#2

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Date: November 5, 2013

Amendment to BILL 20-76, CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2013

No. 1. On page 3, Line 22, a new paragraph (5A) is added to read as follows:

“(5A) A new paragraph (9A) is added to read as follows:

“(9A) “Contractor” means any person, business, or business entity seeking or holding a contract to provide goods or services to the District of Columbia, or seeking or holding a grant from the District of Columbia.

No. 2. On page 23, line 21, a new paragraph (r-1) is added to read as follows:

“(r-1) A new section 334a is added to read as follows:

“ Sec. 334a. Prohibition of contractor contributions.

“A contractor shall not make any contributions to a committee that is controlled by or coordinated with any candidate or public official, or controlled by or coordinated with anyone acting on behalf of a candidate or public official, and that is organized for the principal purpose of promoting or opposing the nomination of a person to a public office or a political party, or is an inaugural, transition, or legal defense committee.

Rationale:

Candidates running for an elected position should not be permitted to accept contractor contributions. Doing so provides leeway for undue political influence. The public must be able to trust that the leaders they vote into office have their best interests at heart, and are not making

decisions that would solely benefit contractor donors.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact. Please see attached Fiscal Impact Statement.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Budget Director



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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

FROM: Jennifer Budoff, Budget Director

DATE: November 4, 2013

SHORT TITLE: "Campaign Finance Reform and Transparency Amendment Act of 2013"

TYPE: Amendment #2

REQUESTED BY: Councilmember Tommy Wells

Conclusion

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

Background

This amendment would prohibit a person seeking or holding a contract with, or a grant from, the District government from making contributions to a political committee.

Analysis of Impact on Spending

This amendment will not adversely impact spending.

Analysis of Impact on Revenue

This amendment will not adversely impact revenue.