

PUBLIC HEARING ON
BILL 20-22
RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
ACT OF 2013

Before the
Committee on Finance and Revenue
Council of the District of Columbia

The Honorable Jack Evans, Chairman

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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Stephen Cordi, Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Office of Tax and Revenue. I am pleased to present testimony today on Bill 20-22 “Residential Real Property Relief Act of 2013.”

Bill 20-22 would, if enacted, make two straight-forward changes to the District’s real property tax law. First, it would lower the cap on real property tax assessments from 10% per year to 5% per year. Second, it would eliminate the requirement that residential real property be assessed at a minimum of 40% of the market value of the property.

As written, the legislation is prospective in nature. If enacted this year, it will apply to the October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, real property tax year. The Office of Tax and Revenue does not anticipate any significant problems of implementation with either changing to a 5% tax cap or eliminating the 40% minimum assessment. The Office of Revenue Analysis has not yet prepared a fiscal impact statement for the bill, so I cannot speak on the revenue impact of Bill 20-22.