Summary

Prior to the 2008 financial crisis, the existing financial regulatory framework focused narrowly on individual institutions and markets, which allowed supervisory gaps to grow and regulatory inconsistencies to emerge—in turn, allowing arbitrage and weakened standards. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act) established the Financial Stability Oversight Council (Council) with a clear statutory mandate that created for the first time collective accountability for identifying and responding to emerging threats to financial stability. The Council is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and consists of 10 voting members and five nonvoting members. The Council brings together the expertise of the federal financial regulators, an insurance expert appointed by the President, and state regulators.

The Council’s three primary purposes under the Act are:

1. To identify risks to the financial stability of the United States that could arise from the material financial distress or failure, or ongoing activities, of large, interconnected bank holding companies or nonbank financial companies, or that could arise outside the financial services marketplace.

2. To promote market discipline, by eliminating expectations on the part of shareholders, creditors, and counterparties of such companies that the U.S. government will shield them from losses in the event of failure.

3. To respond to emerging threats to the stability of the U.S. financial system.

Over the last year, the Council has continued to evaluate whether to designate certain nonbank financial companies for Federal Reserve supervision and enhanced prudential standards, and conducted annual reviews for each of the three companies designated in 2013. The Council continued to monitor the eight financial market utilities (FMUs) that were designated as systemically important by the Council in 2012. The Council also continued to identify and monitor potential risks to U.S. financial stability; fulfilled explicit statutory requirements, including the completion of its fifth annual report to Congress; and served as a forum for discussion and coordination among the member agencies implementing the Dodd-Frank Act.

Over the next year, the Council will continue to evaluate nonbank financial companies for potential designation for Federal Reserve supervision and enhanced prudential standards; consider whether to designate additional FMUs as systemically important; monitor the financial system for emerging risks; and facilitate interagency cooperation to identify and analyze potential emerging threats. The Council will also continue to facilitate interagency coordination and
information sharing with respect to various regulatory initiatives.

The Council is required by the Dodd-Frank Act to convene no less than quarterly, but the Council has convened on a more frequent basis to share information on key financial developments, coordinate regulatory implementation, and monitor progress on recommendations from the Council’s annual reports. In 2015, the Council convened nine times. The Council will continue to remain focused on both identifying near-term threats and addressing structural vulnerabilities in the financial system. Transparency into Council work has routinely been provided through an annual report to Congress, periodic Congressional testimony on Council activities and emerging threats to financial stability, and regular communications to the public about Council activities and decisions.

**FSOC FY 2017 Budget Highlights**

Dollars in Thousands

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Changes to Base:

- Program Changes:
  - Program Increases 2 $3,346
  - Personnel Steady State 2 $416
  - Non-Personnel Steady State ($30)
  - FDIC Payment Adjustment $2,930

| FY 2016 Base | 36 | $18,019 |
| FY 2017 Estimated | 36 | $18,019 |

**Explanation of Budget Activities**

**Financial Stability Oversight Council ($8,519,000 from Assessments)**

The Council has a clear statutory mandate to facilitate coordination among financial regulators and identify risks and respond to emerging threats to U.S. financial stability. The Council is not a bureau or office of the Department of the Treasury. However, under the Dodd-Frank Act, the Council’s expenses are considered expenses of the Office of Financial Research, an office within the Department of the Treasury.

**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Payments ($9,500,000 from Assessments)**

Section 210(n)(10) of the Dodd-Frank Act provides that certain reasonable implementation expenses of the FDIC incurred after the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act shall be treated as expenses of the Council. The FDIC must periodically submit requests for reimbursement for implementation expenses to the Chairperson of the Council, who shall arrange for prompt reimbursement to the FDIC of reasonable implementation expenses. The expenses estimated are for rule writing and resolution planning consistent with the FDIC’s implementation of its responsibilities under Title II of the Dodd-Frank Act.

**Description of Performance**

There are no measures specified for managing Council performance at this time. Information on the Council is provided on www.treasury.gov, www.fsoc.gov, and member agency websites to provide transparency and accountability.