

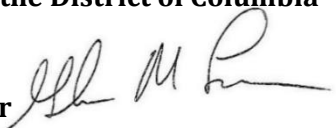
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



**Glen Lee**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** February 8, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Black LGBTQ History Preservation  
Establishment Act of 2024

**REFERENCE:** Bill 25-298, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on January 30, 2024

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**Conclusion**

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill's implementation will cost \$250,000 across fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025.

**Background**

The bill requires the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs (Office) to produce a report on Black LGBTQ+ history in the District. The Office will research the unique history of the Black LGBTQIA+ community, the Black Pride Movement, and their contributions to culture, activism, education, and other areas. The Office will also review the impact of the AIDS crisis and how policy decisions made during the crisis still impact the Black LGBTQIA+ community. The report should include recommendations on how best to include Black LGBTQ+ history in District's public social studies curriculum.

The bill requires the Office to hold at least two public meetings and a public comment period for the report. The Office should also consult with individuals who have experience in the District's Black LGBTQ+ community and other experts on the topic when compiling the report.<sup>1</sup> The Office should

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<sup>1</sup> The bill allows the Office to compensate anyone for their time who provides information to support the report's production.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

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submit the report to the Mayor, Council, the District of Columbia Archives, and the DC Public Library's People's Archives by May 1, 2025.

The bill establishes the seven-member<sup>2</sup> Advisory Committee (Committee) to provide guidance and feedback on the Office's development of the report. The Committee should meet no more than once per month for up to one year, sunsetting upon completion of the report. The Committee should submit final commentary, recommendations, and dissenting opinions to be included in the final report. The bill authorizes a stipend of up to \$100 per Committee member per meeting as well as reimbursement<sup>3</sup> for expenses incurred by the Committee or individual members.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Office will engage with contractors to support research, community outreach, staffing, and report compilation. The Office requires \$250,000 across fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 to support developing the report, which could take approximately one year to complete, and to support any advisory committee stipends or reimbursements as needed.

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<sup>2</sup> Commission members include one expert from a Historically Black College or University in the District, two Council appointees, two Mayoral appointees, one member of the Commission on Arts and Humanities, and one member with expertise in LGBTQ+ history.

<sup>3</sup> As authorized under D.C. Official Code 1-611.08(d).