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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee

Chief Financial Officer

DATE: June 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery

Amendment Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-61, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue

Analysis on June 11, 2025

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2025 budget and proposed fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill permanently clarifies that workers' compensation payments from other states do not prevent a claim for compensation under the District's workers' compensation law for the same injury or death. However, any award under the District's workers' compensation law must be reduced by the amount of compensation received under the law of any other state. The change has been almost continuously in effect under temporary legislation since 2022, with the most recent temporary law expiring in 2024¹. The bill will apply to all claims that were pending as of the effective date of the first emergency bill addressing this change in 2022.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2025 budget and proposed fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill makes permanent changes that have been effective under temporary legislation for most of the last two years.

¹ Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, D.C. Law 23-111, Effective from January 23, 2024, expired on September 4, 2024.