

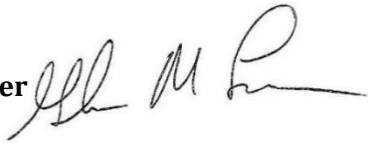
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: December 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Anacostia Business Improvement Districts
Amendment Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-247, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on December 15, 2025

Conclusion

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

Background

A Business Improvement District (BID) is a nonprofit organization established, as approved by the Mayor, by property owners in a designated area of the District for the purpose of enhancing the economic vitality of the designated commercial area. BIDs support property owners and businesses, host special events, maintain certain public spaces within the BID, and provide a connection between BID members and the District government. A BID is self-taxing whereby the property owners pay a special tax that the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) transfers wholly to the organization managing the BID. The Anacostia BID was approved in 2009¹ to encompass the commercial areas near the Anacostia River along Good Hope Road, S.E. (now Marion Barry Avenue, S.E.), Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., Howard Road, S.E., and Shannon Place, S.E.

The bill authorizes the Mayor to approve a petition by the Anacostia BID to expand its boundaries to include District-owned properties adjacent to or abutting the BID's approved boundary. Currently, if

¹ Anacostia Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2009, effective December 24, 2009 (D.C. Law 18-99; D.C. Official Code 2-1215.59).

a BID seeks a boundary expansion, the properties outside the BID boundary must petition to join the BID, which, upon approval of existing BID members, must petition the Mayor for a boundary expansion.² There is not a process for District-owned properties to request inclusion in a BID or for a BID to proactively request the inclusion of nearby District-owned properties. If the Mayor approves the petition for the Anacostia BID, then the Council must approve the formal BID boundary expansion and BID taxes must be assessed to any taxable properties.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill authorizes, but does not require, the Mayor to approve a petition to expand the Anacostia BID's boundary to include adjacent and abutting District-owned properties. If the Mayor approves the petition, Council must take additional action to formally expand the BID's boundary. If that is approved, the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) can bill, during the first upcoming billing cycle if practical, any taxable properties. OTR can bill and collect any additional properties within the Office's existing budget resources.

² Business Improvement Districts Act of 1996, effective May 29, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-134; D.C. Official Code § 2-1215.09).