

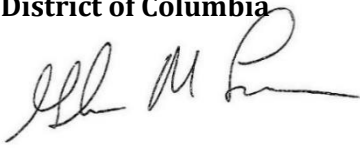
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Initiative Amendment Act of 2025

**REFERENCE:** Bill 26-60, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 11, 2025

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**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**

When a proposed initiative<sup>1</sup> is accepted by the Board of Elections (“the Board”) for placement on a ballot, current law requires the Board to request a fiscal impact statement (“FIS”) of the initiative from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), and for OCFO to provide a FIS within 15 business days of receipt of the request.<sup>2</sup>

The bill requires the Board to accept initiatives if they can be implemented within current resources, but not those that are subject to appropriations. To facilitate this, the bill requires the Board to request a FIS earlier in the process, specifically one business day after the measure is determined to be an initiative. The OCFO still has 15 days from receipt of the request to complete the FIS.

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<sup>1</sup> D.C. Official Code § 1–1001.02(10) defines “initiatives” as the process by which proposed laws (except those appropriating funds) are presented directly to qualified District voters for approval or disapproval. This differs from a referendum (D.C. Official Code § 1–1001.02(11)) which is the process by which qualified voters may suspend acts of the Council (except emergency acts, tax acts, or appropriations acts) until the act has been presented for approval or disapproval to the voters.

<sup>2</sup> D.C. Official Code § 1–1001.16(c)(4).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 26-60, "Initiative Amendment Act of 2025," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 11, 2025.

### **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. Requiring a FIS earlier in the process to determine if an initiative can be implemented within current resources does not have a fiscal impact.