

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: July 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Food Policy Council Procurement
Amendment Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-444, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on June 23, 2026

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2026 budget and proposed fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The proposed DC Health fiscal year 2027 budget includes \$125,000 in fiscal year 2027 and \$514,000 over the financial plan to implement the bill

Background

The bill requires¹ the Food Policy Council to produce a report on the state of the local food system across the District every three years. The report must assess District food access by identifying low-food-access areas, evaluating the state of the local food economy, and providing policy recommendations to improve the local food economy and food access, including priorities for local investments.

The bill also expands the Food Policy Council's authority to include evaluating food procurement practices across the District government. The Director of the Food Policy Council must advise food-procuring agencies on developing solicitations and contracts that:

- Align with District laws, standards, and goals regarding nutrition, the local economy, environmental sustainability, animal welfare, valued workforce, and transparency; and

¹ By amending The Food Policy Council and Director Establishment Act of 2014, effective March 10, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-191; D.C. Official Code § 48-311 et seq.).

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- Require vendors to regularly report on purchased food products to enable assessment of compliance with purchasing goals.

The Food Policy Council Director must also do the following to achieve policy objectives:

- Collaborate with the Office of Contracting and Procurement to ensure that food service solicitations reach a wide audience of high-quality prospective vendors;
- Serve on evaluation panels to contribute industry and food sector subject matter expertise in procurement determinations;
- Consolidate food purchasing data from all covered agencies to track District-wide performance on District laws, standards, and goals for food procurement; and
- Develop and maintain food procurement standards, practices, and templates to be used in all procurements, in collaboration with the Department of Health (DC Health), Department of Small and Local Business Development, the Department of Energy and Environment, and the Office of Contracting and Procurement.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2026 budget and proposed fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The proposed DC Health budget includes \$125,000 in fiscal year 2027 and \$514,000 over the financial plan to implement the bill. DC Health will hire one additional Policy Analyst in the Food Policy Division to advise agencies and evaluate food procurement practices across the District.

Food Policy Council Procurement Amendment Act of 2025					
Total Cost (\$ thousands)					
	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	Total
Salary	\$101	\$103	\$105	\$107	\$417
Fringe	\$23	\$24	\$25	\$25	\$97
Total	\$125	\$127	\$130	\$133	\$514

- a) Assumes salary for one Grade 12, Step 4 Policy Analyst and cost growth of two percent.
- b) Assumes fringe rate of 22.9 percent and fringe growth of 2.35 percent.