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### **MEMORANDUM**

T0: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

> Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia ILL ME

FROM: Glen Lee

**Chief Financial Officer** 

DATE: **September 17, 2025** 

Fiscal Impact Statement - Judith E. Heumann Memorial Bridge **SUBJECT:** 

**Designation Act of 2025** 

REFERENCE: Bill 26-165, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue

Analysis on September 8, 2025

#### Conclusion

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

## **Background**

Judith E. Heumann is widely regarded as the "mother" of the disability rights movement. Born in 1947, Heumann contracted polio at two years old and lost her ability to walk. She successfully sued the New York Board of Education for her teaching license to become the first teacher in New York to use a wheelchair. She was involved in various activist events across the country in the 1970s. In 1983, she founded the World Institute on Disability. Heumann served in President Clinton's administration as the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, was the World Bank's first Advisor on Disability and Development, and served as a Special Advisor on Disability Rights at the State Department under President Obama. Heumann died on March 4, 2023.

The bill designates the Connecticut Avenue, N.W. bridge located between Devonshire Place, N.W. and Macomb Street, N.W. as the Judith E. Heumann Memorial Bridge. Heumann lived in the Kennedy Warren apartment building at the south side of the bridge along Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson FIS: Bill 26-165, "Judith E. Heumann Memorial Bridge Designation Act of 2025," Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 8, 2025

## **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will fabricate and install four signs to designate the bridge as the Judith E. Heumann Memorial Bridge. The signs will cost \$740 and DDOT can absorb the cost within its existing budgeted resources.