

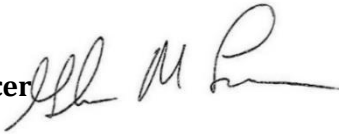
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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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:** July 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Official Sports Capital of the United States  
Designation Act of 2025

**REFERENCE:** Bill 26-119 Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on July 8, 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**

The District is home to several major professional sports teams, including the Washington Wizards, Washington Nationals, Washington Mystics, Washington Capitals, D.C. United, D.C. Defenders, Old Glory DC, the D.C. Breeze, and the Washington Spirit. There are also numerous collegiate and amateur sports teams in the area. The bill approves a Sense of the Council designating the District as the “Official Sports Capital of the United States”.

In support of the bill’s designation for the District, the bill requires Events DC to develop and implement a plan to attract and retain major sporting events and conferences, invest in youth sports and community programs, partner with sports teams and visitors, support electronic sports, and generally support marking the District as the nation’s premier sports location. Events DC must submit a report to Council outlining its implementation steps for the required plan. This report must be submitted within 120 days of the bill’s effective date.

The bill also requires Events DC to spend at least \$500,000 annually to hire a qualified operator who will host marquee sports-related events in the District.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 26-119, "Official Sports Capital of the United States Designation Act of 2025," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on July 8, 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. Events DC (also known as the Washington Convention and Sports Authority) is primarily funded through dedicated sales taxes and revenues generated from the convention and sports venues it oversees. Events DC's proposed fiscal year 2026 budget is over \$252 million. The bill's requirements are consistent with Events DC's goals of promoting and managing sporting and entertainment events and supporting youth activities in the District. Events DC can develop and implement the required plan, submit an implementation report to Council, and hire an operator to attract marquee sporting events within the agency's existing and proposed budgeted resources.