

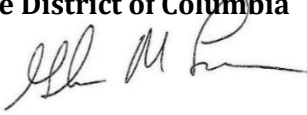
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



**Glen Lee**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** May 19, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Rodney Wright Basketball Court Designation Act of 2026

**REFERENCE:** Bill 26-431, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on April 28, 2026

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**Conclusion**

Funds are not 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 bill's implementation will cost \$6,000 in fiscal year 2026.

**Background**

James Rodney Wright was a basketball player who grew up in the District and played for the Howard Bison in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Wright is one of the top career assist leaders at Howard and was a key player for Howard's "Dunk Patrol". Wright had his number raised to the school's gym rafters and he was inducted into the Howard Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014. Wright died on November 24, 2020.

The bill designates the basketball court located at Marvin Gaye Recreation Center<sup>1</sup> as the Rodney Wright Basketball Court.

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<sup>1</sup> The recreation center is located at 15 61<sup>st</sup> Street, N.E.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

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### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are not 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 Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will contract for the fabrication and installation of a sign to designate the basketball court as Rodney Wright Basketball Court. The sign will cost approximately \$6,000 and DPR is not able to procure and install the sign without additional resources. The proposed revised fiscal year 2026 budget reduces DPR's budget by approximately \$1.5 million. The proposed fiscal year 2027 budget reduces DPR's budget by approximately \$6.7 million relative to fiscal year 2026.