

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. MCDUFFIE, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE IN THE MATTER OF:

**PR23-0634, THE “GAMES OF SKILL CONSUMER PROTECTION EMERGENCY
DECLARATION OF 2019”;**

**B23-0590, THE “GAMES OF SKILL CONSUMER PROTECTION EMERGENCY
AMENDMENT OF 2019”; AND**

**B23-0591, THE “GAMES OF SKILL CONSUMER PROTECTION TEMPORARY
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Room 500, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Wednesday, January 22, 2020, Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a public roundtable in the matter of PR23-0634, the “Games of Skill Consumer Protection Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”, B23-0590, the “Games of Skill Consumer Protection Emergency Amendment Act of 2019”, and B23-0591, the “Games of Skill Consumer Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2019”.

The stated purpose of the emergency and temporary legislations is to enable the District of Columbia government to regulate electronic games of skill devices for the first time in the District. Games of skill are different from games of chance, in that they require a player to employ a degree of skill in order to win a prize. Games of chance on the other hand are considered gambling and gambling is unlawful in the District.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the roundtable should contact the Committee on Business and Economic Development via email at oagwai@dccouncil.us or at (202) 724-8078, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Tuesday, January 21st**.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or will require sign language interpretation, should inform the Committee as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill the timely request, however, in the event that the request is received in less than five (5) business days, the request may not be granted and an alternative maybe offered.

In addition, representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Witnesses are encouraged to bring **five single-sided copies** of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to oagwai@dccouncil.us. For witnesses who are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Business and Economic Development at oagwai@dccouncil.us or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004. **The record will close at the end of the business day on January 31st, 2020.**