

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

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**BILL 23-0918, THE “LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CLARIFICATION
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2020”;**

AND

**BILL 23-0959, THE “SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2020”**

Thursday, October 29, 2020, 3 p.m.
Remote Hearing via Virtual Platform
Broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13
Streamed live at www.dccouncil.us and entertainment.dc.gov.

On Thursday, October 29, 2020, Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a public hearing to consider Bill 23-0918, the “Local Business Enterprise Clarification Amendment Act of 2020” and Bill 23-0959, the “Supporting Local Business Enterprises Amendment Act of 2020”

Bill 23-0918, the “Local Business Enterprise Clarification Amendment Act of 2020,” amends the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005 (CBE Act) to close a loophole in the existing law that allows large out of state companies the ability to certify as a local business enterprise. The measure would also amend existing law to require currently certified local business enterprises that are not independently owned, operated, and controlled to be recertified by a time specified, or have their certification status revoked. Bill 23-0959, the “Supporting Local Business Enterprises Amendment Act of 2020” seeks to make technical and other clarifying amendments to the CBE Act.

The Committee invites the public to testify remotely or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify must sign up in advance by contacting the Committee by e-mail at BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us or by phone and provide their name, phone

number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by **5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2020.** Witnesses are encouraged to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance to BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us. Public witnesses will participate remotely, and the Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide testimony through a web conferencing platform.

All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to testify. At the discretion of the Chair, the length of time provided for oral testimony may be reduced or extended.

The Committee encourages the public to submit written testimony to be included for the public record. Copies of written testimony should be submitted either by e-mail at BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us. To be included in the record, please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this hearing in the subject line of the e-mail. **The record for this hearing will close at 5:00 p.m. on November 13, 2020.**

For accommodation requests, including spoken language or sign language interpretation, please inform the Committee by email of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Council will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

Please contact Brian McClure, Interim Committee Director, at bmcclure@dccouncil.us for additional information.