


Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

TO: Chairperson Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie 
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the February 1, 2022, Legislative Meeting
DATE: January 27, 2022

I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the February 1, 2022, Legislative Meeting:

Emergency Measures

- **Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking Emergency Powers Authority Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking Emergency Powers Authority Extension Emergency Act of 2022**
- **Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking Emergency Powers Authority Extension Temporary Act of 2022**

The emergency authority granted to DISB's Commissioner to issue emergency rules, orders, and bulletins under section 5a(a) of the Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation Establishment Act of 1996, effective November 5, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-205; 68 DCR 012186) will expire on February 3, 2022, while the Mayor's public emergency will remain in effect. While the Council did also pass the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking Temporary Act of 2021 (D.C. 24-256; 68 DCR 014080), that authority is currently tied to the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 (D.C. Law 24-9; D.C. Official Code § 31-104.01), which expires on February 4, 2022. It is crucial that the Commissioner's emergency powers be amended to coincide with the public emergency declared by the Mayor to, among other things, address the immediate need to continue requiring insurers to cover widespread COVID-19 testing for in-person work and learning and any similar circumstances giving rise to the existence of a public emergency in the future. Without this authority, the Commissioner will not be able to require insurers to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 testing, which will make testing more costly for individuals and businesses and run the risk of discouraging testing as the ebbs and flows of COVID-19 surges and variants continue.

Ceremonial Resolutions:

- **Cheryl A. Hickmon Posthumous Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2022**

This resolution posthumously recognizes and honors the life of Cheryl Hickmon for her outstanding dedication to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (where at the time of her death she served as its National President), community service, and the residents of the District of Columbia.

- **Woodrow Wilson Women's Volleyball Team Recognition Resolution of 2022**

This resolution congratulates the Woodrow Wilson High School women's volleyball team on its DC State Athletic Association Championship win.

- **Georgetown Day School Volleyball Team Recognition Resolution of 2022**

This resolution recognizes the Georgetown Day School Hoppers on its trip to the DC State Athletic Association championship and record-breaking season.

The filed ceremonial resolutions are attached along with the draft emergency measure. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Alicia DiFazio at adifazio@dccouncil.us.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director