



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Phil Mendelson

From: Councilmember Janeese Lewis George 
Councilmember Anita Bonds 

Date: July 6, 2023

Subject: Request to Agendize Emergency Measure for the July 11, 2023 Legislative Meeting

We request that the following measures be agendized for the July 11, 2023 Regular Legislative Meeting

- **Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2023**
- **Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023**

The Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2022, Law 24-202, was enacted December 13, 2022 and will expire July 26, 2023, during the upcoming recess. A new round of emergency and temporary legislation is necessary to keep this law in effect until a permanent measure can be passed to protect District workers from interference and offsetting associated with the District's Universal Paid Leave Program. The clarifications included in these measures enable the Department of Insurance Securities and Banking to enforce prohibitions against private market short-term disability insurance providers who reduce paid leave benefits to policyholders regardless of where the plan was written or executed. A hearing was held on the permanent bill on June 28, 2023. Draft measures are attached.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Will Singer, Senior Legislative Counsel for Councilmember Lewis George (wsinger@dccouncil.gov) or Amanda Chulick, Legislative Assistant for Councilmember Bonds (achulick@dccouncil.gov).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
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