


COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr. 
Chair, Committee on Housing
DATE: September 26, 2024
RE: Requests for October 1 Legislative Meeting

I request that the following measures appear on the agenda for the legislative meeting scheduled for October 1, 2024.

Emergency and temporary legislation

- **Reverse Mortgage Insurance and Tax Payment Program Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Reverse Mortgage Insurance and Tax Payment Program Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **Reverse Mortgage Insurance and Tax Payment Program Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

The District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency's (DCHFA) Reverse Mortgage Insurance and Tax Payment Program (ReMIT) was designed to allow qualified senior homeowners to receive financial assistance for property taxes, property insurance debts and certain property related expenses that have put the homeowner at risk of foreclosure on a reverse mortgage.

Under this program, qualified homeowners can receive assistance in the form of a zero-interest loan. The program was initiated as an 18-month pilot program in the Reverse Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Amendment Act of 2018, and funded with \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2019. The pilot program was expected to expire on October 27, 2021, but the Council extended it to ensure the usage of all available funding.

The attached legislation would further extend the program using existing resources. A permanent version of this legislation has received a hearing in the Committee on Housing and DCHFA has indicated they are implementing the program.

Congressional review emergency legislation

- **District of Columbia Housing Authority Stabilization and Reform Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **District of Columbia Housing Authority Stabilization and Reform Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2024**

Since December 2022, the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) has operated under the oversight of a special Stabilization and Reform Board (STAR Board) and been subject to heightened accountability and reporting requirements. The emergency legislation establishing the STAR Board contemplated a 2-year term. The latest emergency legislation maintaining the STAR

Board's authority will expire before identical temporary legislation can take effect. The attached measures would prevent a lapse.

On July 1, the STAR Board transmitted recommendations for a replacement board structure, which has been filed for review by the Council. The Committee on Housing will discuss the future of DCHA's board governance at an oversight roundtable on October 22.

- **Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Congressional Review
Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Congressional Review
Emergency Act of 2024**

On June 25, the Council passed emergency legislation to extend residents in rapid rehousing with appropriate procedural protections, should funding become available in the rapid re-housing program and should circumstances warrant it. The emergency bill will expire before identical temporary legislation can take effect. The attached congressional review emergency measures would prevent a lapse in the law.