

Council of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Wendell Felder *Wendell Felder*
DATE: April 14, 2026
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the April 21, 2026 Legislative Meeting

I request the emergency measures listed below be agendized for the April 21, 2026 regular legislative meeting of the Committee on the Whole.

- Certified Business Enterprise Program Compliance and Enforcement Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2026
- Certified Business Enterprise Program Compliance and Enforcement Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2026
- Certified Business Enterprise Program Compliance and Enforcement Support Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026

The resolution and accompanying emergency and temporary bills amend the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005 (“CBE Act”).

Emergency legislation is needed to reinstate the most recent version of these provisions, which expired on March 29, 2026. Failure to move these amendments will have an adverse effect on CBE program administration, agency operations, agency compliance and enforcement mechanisms, and the over 2,000 businesses participating in the District’s CBE program.

As outlined in the **declaration**, there is an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005 to require a business applying for certification as a local business enterprise to be independently owned and operated, to amend minimum certified business enterprise performance requirements in a certified joint venture, and to establish uniform hearing procedures for enforcement actions.

The **emergency amendment** addresses this by revising the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005 to require a business applying for certification as a local business enterprise to be independently owned and operated, to amend minimum certified business enterprise performance requirements in a certified joint venture, and to establish uniform hearing procedures for enforcement actions. Lastly, the **temporary amendment** extends this measure for an additional 225 additional days.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Eric Colchamiro, Deputy Committee Director, at ecolchamiro@dccouncil.gov or (202) 741-8098

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