

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

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TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson

FROM: Councilmember Elissa Silverman

DATE: January 4, 2018

SUBJECT: Request to Agendize Emergency Measures for the January 9, 2018, Legislative Meeting

I am requesting that you agendize the following emergency measures for the January 9, 2018, Legislative Meeting. A copy of the measure is attached.

1. The Adult Career Pathways Task Force Expansion Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018
2. The Adult Career Pathways Task Force Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2018

The Adult Career Pathways Task Force was created by the FY2015 Budget Support Act in order to improve coordination between the District's workforce system and its adult literacy programs, with a special emphasis on helping adults with low literacy levels and high barriers to employment access a pathway to well-paying careers in in-demand sectors. The taskforce was expanded from 13 to 14 members by legislation in the FY 2016 Budget Support Act to add the Director of the Department of Disability Services. On September 8, 2017, the Mayor issued Mayor's Order 2017-208, adding three additional members to the Taskforce representing the business community in in-demand sectors. This emergency legislation will expand the existing statute, to allow these members to serve on the task force.

On November 1, 2017, Councilmember Silverman introduced B22-0554, the "Career Pathways Task Force Expansion Amendment Act of 2017," which would expand the Adult Career Pathways Task Force to include three members representing in-demand industries in the local economy and would provide for passive Council review of nominees to the taskforce. The measure was marked up and approved by the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development on December 18, 2017, and I have requested that it be added to the agenda for the January 9th legislative meeting for a first vote.

The purpose of the expansion is to ensure that the Task Force can benefit from the knowledge and expertise of those in the business community who work in in-demand sectors of the economy. These business leaders can provide the taskforce with the benefit of their knowledge about the sectors they work in, ideas about how to construct effective career pathways within those industries, and report back to the taskforce about any successes or barriers

encountered by employees who have been through training programs. Passing this legislation on an emergency basis will ensure there is no delay in adding these members to the Task Force.

The permanent legislation also provides for a 45-day period of passive review by the Council of nominees to the Task Force, enabling the Council to ensure that all nominees to the Taskforce are suitably qualified and will be a beneficial addition to the Task Force. However, to ensure that the Task Force may be expanded without delay, the emergency legislation does not include this provision.

If you have any questions regarding this measure, please contact Liz Weiss, at 727-1974 or lweiss@dccouncil.us.

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