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MURIEL BOWSER NOV - 8 2019
MAYOR

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

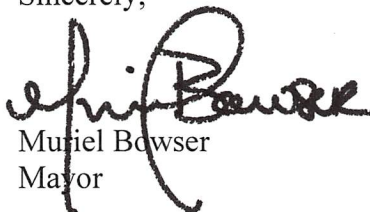
Enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council is the "2020 Unemployment Compensation Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount Increase Approval Resolution of 2019." This resolution is presented in accordance with section 7(b) of the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act (49 Stat. 946; D.C. Official Code § 51-107(b)), which requires an annual review of the Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount by the Director of the Department of Employment Services.


I am therefore recommending that for Calendar Year 2020, the Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount for unemployment compensation benefits be raised from \$432 to \$444. As benefit claims are filed and paid on the basis of calendar weeks, the increased amount would apply to all claims effective January 5, 2020.

Following the statutory requirements, the amount of the increase has been determined in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor State Benefit Financing Model.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the enclosed resolution. Please do not hesitate to DOES Director Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser
Mayor


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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6 A Proposed Resolution
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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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13 To approve the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Employment Services to
14 increase the maximum weekly benefit amount under The District of Columbia
15 Unemployment Compensation Act to \$444, effective January 5, 2020.
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution
18 may be cited as the “2020 Unemployment Compensation Maximum Weekly Benefit
19 Amount Increase Approval Resolution of 2019.”
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21 Sec. 2. Pursuant to section 7(b)(3) of the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation
22 Act, approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 949; D.C. Law 21-160, effective October 8, 2016; D.C.
23 Official Code § 51-107(b)(3)), the Council approves the recommendation of the Director of the
24 Department of Employment Services to increase the maximum weekly benefit amount for
25 unemployment compensation benefit claims effective January 5, 2020 to \$444.

26 Sec. 3. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief of Financial Officer
27 as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c) (3) of the District of Columbia Home
28 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c) (3)).

29 Sec. 4. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its
30 adoption, the Department of Employment Services.

31 Sec. 5 This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL
KARL A. RACINE



Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alana Intrieri
Executive Director
Office of Policy & Legislative Affairs

FROM: Brian K. Flowers
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: August 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of Proposed Resolution, "2020 Unemployment
Compensation Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount Increase Approval
Resolution of 2019"
(AE-19-519)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed bill and found it to be legally sufficient. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5565.

Brian K. Flowers

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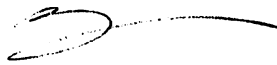
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This memorandum responds to your request that this Office conduct a legal sufficiency review of the above-referenced legislation.

The legislation would provide for, pursuant to the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act, approved August 28, 1935 (D.C. Law 21-160, effective October 8, 2016; D.C. Official Code § 51-107(b)(3)), Council approval of a recommended increase in the maximum weekly benefit amount for unemployment compensation to \$444. The increase, recommended by the Director of the Department of Employment Services, would be effective January 5, 2020.

The resolution is legally sufficient. Should you have any questions about this memorandum, please contact either Runako Kumbula Allsopp at 807-0363 or me at 724-5524.

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