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COUNCILMEMBER FELDER INTRODUCES THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MODERNIZATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2026

This legislation would give BIDs more flexibility to invest in their communities, reduce unnecessary oversight of established BIDs, and establish a framework for measuring the performance of BIDs.

Washington, DC – On Tuesday, September 29th, Councilmember Felder introduced the '*Business Improvement District Modernization Act of 2026*,' which would modernize the District's framework governing Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

BIDs play a vital role in strengthening commercial corridors, supporting local businesses, improving public spaces, and attracting investment. As neighborhoods and the District's economy continue to evolve, this legislation provides BIDs with greater stability and flexibility while strengthening transparency and community participation.

The legislation would:

- Extend renewal terms from five to ten years after an initial extension.
- Standardize rate adjustments, allowing annual increases of up to five percent.
- Create a public performance dashboard tracking safety, cleanliness, business vitality, and small business support.
- Expand residential property collection while providing reduced rates for properties with affordable housing.
- Broaden BID board participation by requiring representation from a District resident and a Certified Business Enterprise.

Councilmember Felder looks forward to working with colleagues, the BID Council, DSLBD, and community stakeholders to advance these reforms.

Read the full legislation **here.**

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