

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, STATE

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Of the

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June 20, 2024  
Start: 11:15 a.m.  
Recess: 11:33 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Lincoln Restler, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Gale A. Brewer  
David M. Carr  
James F. Gennaro  
Jennifer Gutiérrez  
Shahana Hanif  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Inna Vernikov

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3 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
4 check for the Committee on Governmental Operations,  
5 State and Federal Legislation on June 20, 2024, by  
6 James Marino, in the Committee Room.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and  
8 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for  
9 the Committee on Governmental Operations, State and  
10 Federal Legislation.

11 At this time, please silence all cell  
12 phones and electronic devices to minimize disruption  
13 throughout the hearing.

14 Thank you for your cooperation.

15 Chair, we're ready to begin.

16 CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: [GAVEL] Good  
17 morning. My name is Lincoln Restler. I'm the Chair of  
18 the Committee on Governmental Operations, State and  
19 Federal Legislation. I'd like to start by thanking my  
20 Colleagues who have joined us this morning, Council  
21 Member Shahana Hanif, Council Member Jennifer  
22 Gutiérrez, Council Member Inna Vernikov, and the only  
23 one who is on time, Council Member David Carr.

24 Today, we'll be voting on Intro. 951-A, a  
25 bill that will modify the Comptroller's auditing  
requirements to allow for more targeted audits.

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2 Currently, the Comptroller's Office is required to  
3 audit every single City agency every four years, an  
4 important but resource-intensive requirement. This  
5 bill would allow the Comptroller to more effectively  
6 streamline audits to better identify patterns and  
7 issues across different Community Boards. The  
8 legislation clarifies that the Comptroller can  
9 conduct an audit across all Community Boards to  
10 better address systemic issues rather than having to  
11 audit each of the 59 boards individually. This bill  
12 makes a similar accommodation for public  
13 administrators. This flexibility would still preserve  
14 the Comptroller's full discretion to conduct an in-  
15 depth audit of any individual community board or  
16 public administrator as needed.

17 I'd like to conclude by saying thank you  
18 to our Committee Staff, Jayasri Ganapathy and Erica  
19 Cohen, for all their hard work, as well as David  
20 Seitzer and Pauline Syrnik for bill drafting and, of  
21 course, my Staff, Molly Haley in particular.

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23 I'd now like to ask the Clerk to call the  
24 roll.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
3 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll Call  
4 Vote, Committee on Governmental Operations, State and  
5 Federal Legislation. Proposed Introduction 951-A.  
6 Chair Restler.

7 CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Aye. Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Gennaro.  
9 Brewer. Gutiérrez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Schulman.  
14 Carr.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vernikov.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Paladino.

19 With a vote of five in the affirmative,  
20 zero in the negative, and no abstentions, item has  
21 been adopted by the Committee, and the roll will be  
22 held open at request of the Chair.

23 Continuation Roll Call, Committee on  
24 Governmental Operations. Introduction 951, Council  
25 Member Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye. I  
want to recognize the presence of my sister, Regina,  
from Florida, who is joining us so that's on the  
record of the Council now forever. Okay. Thank you,  
Billy. Okay.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is  
now six in the affirmative, and the roll is still  
open.

Continuation Roll Call, Committee on  
Governmental Operations. Council Member Schulman.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
you. Vote is now currently at seven in the  
affirmative, and the roll is still open.

Continuation Roll Call, Committee on  
Governmental Operations. Council Member Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
you. Vote is now eight in the affirmative, zero on  
the negative, and no abstentions.

One moment. Final vote, Committee on  
Governmental Operations is eight in the affirmative,  
zero in the negative, and no abstentions.

Council Member Carr to close.

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3 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: This meeting of the  
4 Committee on Governmental Operations, State and  
5 Federal Legislation is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date July 16, 2024