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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

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January 7, 2019  
Start: 10:08 a.m.  
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.  
16<sup>th</sup> Fl.

B E F O R E: FERNANDO CABRERA  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Ben Kallos  
Alan N. Maisel  
Bill Perkins  
Keith Powers  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Kalman Yeger

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON CABRERA: Yes. Good morning  
4 and welcome to the this hearing of the Committee on  
5 Governmental Operations. I am the Chair of the  
6 Committee, Council Member Fernando Cabrera. Today  
7 we'll be holding a second hearing and a vote on  
8 Proposed Introduction 828-A sponsored by myself and  
9 Council Member Kallos in relation to the-to an online  
10 list of required reports. City agencies are required  
11 to produce various reports, document studies or  
12 publication to submit them to the Council or the  
13 Mayor. The Charter requires those reports to also be  
14 sent to the Department of Records and Information  
15 Services also known as DORIS, and for DORIS to post  
16 these reports on its website so the public has easy  
17 access to them. However, as we discussed at our  
18 first hearing many reports appear to be missing from  
19 DORIS's website. There is also no way for the public  
20 to know if an agency was suppose to submit a report,  
21 but either hasn't completed it or hasn't sent it to  
22 DORIS as required. We want DORIS's website to be a  
23 great resources for New Yorkers who are trying to get  
24 information about the government. This bill will  
25 make sure it is as transparent and easy to use as

2 possible. Proposed Introduction 828-A, will require  
3 DORIS to list all required reports on its website and  
4 to include basic information related to the report  
5 such that their frequency, the law to which they are  
6 responsive and the agency or agencies responsible.  
7 For every report listed DORIS will also have to  
8 provide direct access to current and past copies of  
9 the report. If an agency does not submit a report  
10 within 10 business days of their date, the bill  
11 requires DORIS to send a notice to that agency and to  
12 post the notice on its website in place of the report  
13 until the report is submitted. It also requires the  
14 agency to submit reports to DORIS is an electronic-  
15 electronic form rather than send them four copies by  
16 paper. Finally, it requires DORIS to notify agencies  
17 of the report it expects to receive by January 31<sup>st</sup>  
18 of each year. This bill will go a long way to  
19 improve the public access to the full universe of  
20 agency reports. I would like to thank the members of  
21 this committee for their support on this issue, and  
22 Council Member Kallos for sponsoring the bill. I  
23 also want to thank our Committee staff Brad Reed,  
24 Elizabeth Cronk, Emily Forgione and Zach Harris as  
25 well as my own Legislative Director Claire McLeveighn

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2 for their hard work on this bill. I will now ask the  
3 Clerk to call the roll.

4 CLERK: William Martin Committee Clerk,  
5 roll call vote Committee on Governmental Operations,  
6 Introduction 828-A, Chair Cabrera.

7 CHAIRPERSON CABRERA: Aye.

8 CLERK: Maisel.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

10 CLERK: Powers.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

12 CLERK: Yeger.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

14 CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the  
15 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
16 the item has been adopted by the committee.

17 CHAIRPERSON CABRERA: Okay, we'll leave  
18 the roll call open for another 20 minutes, 20  
19 minutes. Thank you so much to my colleagues.

20 [pause]

21 CLERK: Continuation of roll call  
22 Committee on Governmental Operations, Introduction  
23 828-A, Council Member Rodriguez

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye. [pause]

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2 CLERK: Continuation of roll call,  
3 Committee on Governmental Operations. Council Member  
4 Kallos.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I vote aye on  
6 all.

7 CLERK: The vote currently stands at 6 in  
8 the affirmative. [pause] Continuation of roll call  
9 Committee on Governmental Operations, Introduction  
10 828-A, Council Member Perkins.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: The final vote, the item has been  
13 adopted by the committee 7 in the affirmative, 0 in  
14 the negative and no abstentions. Council Member  
15 Perkins.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [gavel] The  
17 meeting is adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 January 23, 2019