

# LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE

## REPORT ON FINAL MANDATE ON THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM ON NATIONAL SMALL ENTERPRISES AMENDMENT BILL [B16B-2023]

### 1 INTRODUCTION

The National Small Enterprises Amendment Bill [B16B-2023] was referred to the Limpopo Legislature by the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) and the Limpopo Legislature in turn referred the Bill to the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism for consideration and further processing.

### 2. OBJECTS OF THE NATIONAL SMALL ENTERPRISE AMENDMENT BILL

- provide for the establishment and registration, in terms of the Companies Act, No. 71 of 2008, of the Small Enterprise Development Finance Agency (SEDFA) and the subsequent incorporation into SEDFA of the Small Enterprise Financing Agency (sefa), the Co-operative Banks Development Agency (CBDA) and the Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda);
- the establishment of the Office of the Small Enterprise Ombud Service ("the Office")
- enables the Minister to declare certain practices in relation to small enterprises to be prohibited as unfair trading practices;
- proposes an amendment to section 20(2) of the Act to provide clarity on the interpretation of the powers assigned to the Minister in amending the Schedule to the Act as well as the definition for small enterprises, to allow for simplification of the Schedule;
- Amend the definition for small enterprise

### **3 .CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL**

The Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism participated in the briefing led by the Select Committee on Trade and Industry, Economic Development, Small Business Development, Tourism, Employment and Labour on 06 February 2024 for a briefing on the principles and objects of the Bills.

Informed by the nature of the Bill, the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism invited the relevant stakeholders to the hearing. The following stakeholders were invited from all the regions of the province: Municipalities, Small Business Owners, Ward Committees, Ward Cllrs, Limpopo Business Association, Limpopo Business Forum

The Portfolio Committee met with the official from the Department Ms Elize Koekemoer for a briefing on the principles and objects of the Bill and to consider the provisions of the Bill on 13 February 2024. Ms Elize Koekemoer present the Bill to the Portfolio Committee. After the presentation, the Portfolio Committees resolved to embark on two (02) public hearings in which all the stakeholders were combined in districts, Mopani and Vhembe districts were combined at Malamulele Community Hall on 20 February 2024 and Sekhukhune, Waterberg and Capricorn were combined at Nirvana Community Hall on 21 February 2024 at 10H00 to converge and deliberate on the Bill.

The Portfolio Committee met on 04 March 2024 to consider inputs made during public hearings and a negotiating mandate was conferred to our NCOP Permanent Delegates to negotiate in favor of the Bill. The Portfolio Committee then confer a final mandate to the NCOP Permanent Delegates to support the Bill.

### **4. CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE ON THE BILL**

The Portfolio Committee, having considered the inputs and comments from the public made on the Bill by the Select Committee on Trade and Industry, Economic Development, Small Business Development, Tourism, Employment and Labour found that the inputs and the comments are not affecting the substance and principle of the Bill.

## **5. RECOMMENDATION**

The Portfolio Committee having considered and supported the Bill by the Select Committee on Trade and Industry, Economic Development, Small Business Development, Tourism, Employment and Labour recommends to this House to confer a final mandate to the NCOP Permanent Delegates to support the Bill as agreed upon by the Select Committee and to vote in favor of the Bill to be passed into law.

## **6. CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Portfolio Committee moves that this report be adopted as a report of the August House and that a final mandate be conferred to the NCOP Delegates to vote in favor of the Bill to pass into law

I move accordingly.



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**PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON ON ECONOMIC  
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**09/04/2023**

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