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SUBJECT: Earned Sick and Safe Leave Taskforce to Hold Public Listening Sessions

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[Duluth, MN] - The Earned Sick and Safe Leave Task Force (ESST) recently presented the Duluth City Council with a number of options of what Duluth could adopt as a result of the Task Force's work. These materials are available for review at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/city-council/earned-sick-and-safe-time-task-force/>. This includes an option of declining to adopt an ordinance. The Task Force is holding 3 listening sessions to provide citizens of Duluth the opportunity to provide feedback on various options such as what workplaces could be covered, which employees could be covered, how much time could employees accrue, when any such paid leave could be used, enforcement options, etc.

We encourage employees and employers to provide feedback on the options at one of the following sessions or using the online survey, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBPW97R>:

July 12 7:30 am-9:00 am, The Sports Garden, 425 S. Lake Ave in Canal Park

July 19 4:30-6:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor of Duluth City Hall, 411 West First St.

July 27 4:30-6:00 pm, Community Action Duluth, 2424 West 5th St.

After the conclusion of the listening sessions, the Task Force will use the public's feedback to craft a final recommendation to the City Council.

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About

The Earned Sick and Safe Leave Task Force began meeting in November 2016 with the purpose of determining whether Duluth should adopt an ordinance requiring employers to provide paid sick and safe leave for their employees. The Task Force performed research and has held 9 community listening sessions throughout the city. In June, 2017, the group presented the City Council with a list of options of what an ordinance could include if one were to be adopted.