

Memorandum



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To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 1(G)2

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Subject: Social Equity and Fiscal Impact Statements for Ordinance Creating the Miami-Dade County Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board

The proposed ordinance creates the Miami-Dade County Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board in article CLXXII of Chapter 2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and provides for the composition and duties of the board and other related matters. The board's composition includes maritime industry representatives, nonprofit leaders, local government officials, and experts responsible for guiding and coordinating efforts related to boater education, vessel safety enforcement, interagency collaboration, and accident reduction on local waterways.

Social Equity Statement

The creation of a permanent advisory board ensures ongoing public representation for Biscayne Bay stakeholders, particularly recreational boaters, coastal communities, and visitors. By formalizing this body, the ordinance promotes equitable access to boater safety education and consistent, coordinated enforcement, to help prevent accidents and improve waterway safety across all communities.

The board's broad, multi-agency composition and public meeting requirements strengthen inclusive participation in policymaking, giving residents, nonprofits, and local organizations meaningful opportunities to share concerns and shape safety strategies. These efforts particularly benefit Miami-Dade County neighborhoods that rely on Biscayne Bay for economic, cultural, and recreational activities, supporting more equitable and safe use of the county's waterways.

Fiscal Impact Statement

The proposed ordinance may have a fiscal impact on the County, as it will create a new Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board that will include assistance from staff designated by the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to maintain and keep records, prepare agendas, reports, minutes, documents, resolutions, or correspondences, and generally administer the business and affairs of the board. The dedicated staff's salary would likely be supported through Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) revenues, subject to available funding and future budgetary actions.



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