



From the Office of Senator Karen E. Spilka

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Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies

You Are Invited to a MetroWest Discussion Forum on Senate Bill 2270

On February 8, 2010, Senator Karen Spilka (D-Ashland), the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and Senate President Therese Murray filed **Senate Bill 2270, An Act to Promote Economic Development Throughout the Commonwealth**. This bill seeks to streamline the state's approach to economic development and create a more stable and consistent environment for businesses.

Senate Bill 2270 creates a new **MetroWest Tourism and Visitors Bureau**, designed to highlight the region while reinvesting its tourism-related revenue in MetroWest. It also creates a new model of 'one stop shopping' for businesses wishing to grow, locate or remain in Massachusetts. To provide a boost to small businesses, it reduces costs and creates a more favorable climate for entrepreneurship. The bill also increases accountability and oversight of state agencies, quasi-publics and the state's contracts with private organizations while eliminating out-of-date agencies and the duplication of services.

Senator Spilka, along with the **Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies** and the **MetroWest Legislative Caucus**, is holding a discussion forum to give MetroWest businesses and other interested parties the opportunity to comment on this bill as it makes its way through the legislative process. All are welcome to come and learn more about this initiative.

Details are below:

What: MetroWest Discussion Forum on Senate Bill 2270, *An Act to Promote Economic Development Throughout the Commonwealth*

Where: Framingham State College
Room 309, The Alumni Room
Justin McCarthy College Center
100 State Street
Framingham, MA 01701

When: Tuesday, March 2, 2010
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, please contact Senator Spilka's office at **(617) 722-1640**.

**** THIS DISCUSSION FORUM IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ****