

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Government Operations
Notice of a Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 117 Washington, DC 20004

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**Councilmember Brandon T. Todd, Chair
Committee on Government Operations
Announces a Public Hearing**

on

**B23-0073 - Attorney General Civil Rights Enforcement Clarification Amendment
Act of 2019**

and

B23-0037 - Care for LGBTQ Seniors and Seniors with HIV Amendment Act of 2019

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 9:00 A.M.
John A. Wilson Building, Room 120
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004**

Councilmember Brandon T. Todd announces the scheduling of a public hearing by the Committee on Government Operations on *B23-0073, the Attorney General Civil Rights Enforcement Clarification Amendment Act of 2019* and *B23-0037, the Care for LGBTQ Seniors and Seniors with HIV Amendment Act of 2019*. The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004. *This notice has been revised to reflect the addition of B23-0037, the “Care for LGBTQ Seniors and Seniors with HIV Amendment Act of 2019”, to the hearing date.*

B23-0073 authorizes the Attorney General to bring civil actions under the Human Rights Act. It clarifies that the aggrieved party in a fair housing action, may retain his or her own counsel and it also clarifies when the Attorney General may seek to withdraw from representing the aggrieved party while continuing to represent the District of Columbia's interests.

B23-0037 amends the District of Columbia Act on Aging to include LGBTQ seniors and seniors with HIV in the definition of groups of greatest social need for the purpose of allocating funds, and also amends the Human Rights Act of 1977 to establish an LGBTQ HIV long-term care bill of rights.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are asked to contact Manny Geraldo of the Committee on Government Operations at (202) 724-6663 or by email at GovernmentOperations@dccouncil.us and provide their name(s), address, telephone number, email address, and organizational affiliation, if any, by close of business Monday, February 17, 2020. Each witness is requested to bring 10 copies of his/her written testimony. Representatives of organizations and government agencies will be limited to 5 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Individual witnesses will be limited to 3 minutes.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. The official record will remain open until close of business Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Government Operations, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 117 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.