

Council of the District of Columbia

Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs

Notice of Public Hearing

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS****Announces A Public Hearing On****Bill 18-527: Assistive Technology Device Warranty Act of 2009;****Bill 18-691: Saving D.C. Homes from Foreclosure Act of 2010; and****Bill 18-720: Equal Access to Employment for All Act of 2010.****Monday, June 14, 2010****1:00 p.m., Room 500****1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW****Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 18-527: Assistive Technology Device Warranty Act of 2009; Bill 18-691: Saving D.C. Homes from Foreclosure Act of 2010; and Bill 18-720: Equal Access to Employment for All Act of 2010. The hearing will be held on Monday, June 14, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 500 of the John A Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Bill 18-527: Assistive Technology Device Warranty Act of 2009 would establish an implied warranty for certain equipment and electronics, such as wheelchairs and hearing aids, typically used by the disabled and elderly that would provide greater consumer protection than common law in the District.

Bill 18-691: Saving D.C. Homes from Foreclosure Act of 2010 would require mortgage lenders and homeowners to engage in mediation prior to foreclosure and would require mortgage lenders that proceed with foreclosure to offer the house as a rental to the former homeowner at a market rental rate. Mandatory mediation prior to foreclosure is an effective way to resolve many foreclosure issues. The provision has been enacted in a number of jurisdictions this year, including most recently Maryland.

Bill 18-720: Equal Access to Employment for All Act would prohibit employers from using credit checks to screen applicants. Similar prohibitions have been proposed in several states this

year in an effort to clear some of the hurdles that stand between the unemployed and employment.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for organizations. Those wishing to testify should contact Ms. Davida Crockett of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs via email at dcrockett@dccouncil.us, or by phone at (202) 741-0898, by Thursday, June 10, 2010. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 18, 2010.

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COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Announces A Public Hearing On

**Bill 18-659: Community Bank Liquidity
Access Pilot Program Act of 2010;**

**Bill 18-699: Compulsory/No Fault Motor Vehicle
Insurance Amendment Act of 2010;**

**Bill 18-773: Annual Financial Reporting Modernization
Amendment Act of 2010; and**

**Bill 18-793: District of Columbia
Board of Industrial Trades Act of 2010.**

**Wednesday, July 7, 2010
10:00 a.m., Room 412
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 18-659: Community Bank Liquidity Access Pilot Program Act of 2010; Bill 18-699: Compulsory/No Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Amendment Act of 2010; Bill 18-773: Annual Financial Reporting Modernization Amendment Act of 2010; and Bill 18-793: District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades Act of 2010. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 7, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412 of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Bill 18-659: Community Bank Liquidity Access Pilot Program Act of 2010 would create a program that is designed to promote lending to District businesses by having the District government deposit money in community banks. The community banks would be required to lend out \$2 for every \$1 deposited by the District and loans would be required to go to small and medium-sized businesses. In return for providing deposits to community banks, the District would receive interest payments.

Bill 18-699: Compulsory/No Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Amendment Act of 2010 would amend the Compulsory/No-Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act of 1982 to require insurance carriers authorized to sell motor vehicle insurance in the District to provide monthly records to the Department pertaining to each of their insureds. This change will make it easier for the Department of Motor Vehicles to ensure that all District drivers have automobile insurance.

Bill 18-773: Annual Financial Reporting Modernization Amendment Act of 2010 would amend the annual financial reporting requirements and enhance the surveillance of the financial condition of insurance companies. To that end, the bill (1) requires the establishment of audit committees with certain enumerated responsibilities, (2) prohibits insurers from indemnifying their independent auditors and auditors from providing certain non-audit services, (3) directs auditors and accountants to communicate certain internal control related matters in the annual audit, (4) proscribes certain conduct of officers and directors in connection with the preparation of certain required financial reports and documents, and (5) requires management to file reports of internal control over financial reporting.

Bill 18-793: District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades Act of 2010 would reduce the Board of Industrial Trade's (Board) membership from 15 to 11 members, to include 2 plumbers, 2 electricians, 2 refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, 2 steam and other operating engineers, one asbestos worker, one elevator inspector, and one consumer member. The effect of this change is that the Board would have a quorum with 6 members, rather than 8, which would make it substantially easier for the Board to fulfill its statutory obligation. The Board is currently experiencing difficulty in filling its 6 vacancies, and has never had enough members to reach a quorum.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for a panel. Those wishing to testify should contact Davida Crockett of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs via email at dcrockett@dccouncil.us, or by phone at (202) 741-0898, by Monday, July 5, 2010. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Friday, July 9, 2010.

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COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

And

COUNCILMEMBER DAVID A. CATANIA, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Announce A Public Hearing On

**Bill 18-792: Reasonable Health Insurance Rate-making and
Reform Amendment Act of 2010; and**

**Implementation of Federal Health Care
Reform in the District of Columbia**

Wednesday, June 30, 2010
11:00 a.m., Room 412
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmembers Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, and David Catania, Chair of the Committee on Health, announce a Public Hearing on Bill 18-792: Reasonable Health Insurance Rate-making and Reform Amendment Act of 2010; and the Implementation of Federal Health Care Reform in the District of Columbia. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 30, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 412 of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Bill 18-792: Reasonable Health Insurance Rate-making and Reform Amendment Act of 2010 is intended to protect District residents from unreasonable health insurance premium rate increases. The bill will ensure reasonable premium rates by requiring health insurers to pay at least 80 cents of every premium dollar for individual plans on medical care, and at least 85 cents of every premium dollar for group plans on medical care. The bill also fleshes out the standards by which rates are set and approved in the District. In practical terms, it directs the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (DISB) to consider additional company-wide financial information rather than relying solely on individual insurance product information when reviewing and considering health

insurance rate filings. Current law only requires that the rates may not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory, but offers little other guidance. This bill will give the DISB Commissioner broader authority to protect District residents during the rate approval process.

Implementation of Federal Health Care Reform in the District of Columbia: On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law. This federal legislation is the most sweeping change to our health care system in decades and will present an enormous implementation challenge for all state and local governments that will require legislative and executive cooperation, as well as cooperation within the executive among these agencies. The Mayor recently put together a multi-agency Health Care Reform Implementation Committee (Implementation Committee) to begin the strategic planning necessary to ensure that the District maximizes the benefit of these reforms for District residents. The heads of the DISB and the Department of Health Care Finance, co-chairs of the Mayor's Implementation Committee, will present testimony on what the federal law will mean for the District and its residents.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for a panel. Those wishing to testify should contact Davida Crockett of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs via email at dcrockett@dccouncil.us, or by phone at (202) 741-0898, by Monday, June 28, 2010. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Friday, July 2, 2010.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary
Notice of Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

ABBREVIATED

**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES A
PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**PR 18-768, Child-Fatality Review Committee Tara Taylor Confirmation
Resolution of 2010**

on

**Monday June 7, 2010
10:00 a.m., Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announces a public hearing on PR 18-768 "Child Fatality Review Committee Tara Taylor Confirmation Resolution of 2010". The public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010 in the Council Chamber of the John A. Wilson Building. **This notice has been abbreviated in order to provide notice to the public.**

The stated purpose of PR 18-768 is to confirm the appointment of Ms. Tara Taylor to the Child Fatality Review Committee.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Heidi Tseu, Committee Clerk or Ms. Deborah Kelly, Legislative Clerk at (202) 724-7808, by fax at (202) 724-6664 or via e-mail at dkelly@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Thursday, June 3, 2010. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Thursday, June 3, 2010 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Ms. Kelly, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on June 21, 2010.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Government Operations and the Environment
Notice of Public Roundtable
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER KWAME R. BROWN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
and
COUNCILMEMBER MARY M. CHEH, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & THE ENVIRONMENT**
ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON

The Proposed Surplus and Disposition of the following District-owned properties:

4800 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., N.E.,
335 8th St., S.E. (Hine Junior High School),
1101 24th Street, N.W. (West End Library), 2301 L St, N.W. (MPD Special Operations Building),
and 2225 M St., N.W. (West End Fire Station),
3050 R St., N.W. (Hurt Home), and
27 O Street, N.W. (M.M. Washington Career High School)

June 16, 2010

2:00 PM

Room 412

John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

On June 16, 2010, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, will hold a public roundtable on the proposed surplus of the following properties: 4800 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., N.E., 335 8th St., S.E., (Hine Junior High School), 1101 24th St., N.W. (West End Library), 2301 L St., N.W. (MPD Special Operations Building), and 2225 M St., N.W. (West End Fire Station), 3050 R St., N.W. (Hurt Home), and 27 O St., N.W. (M.M. Washington Career High School). The roundtable will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Aukima Benjamin, staff assistant to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, at 724-8062, or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. All witnesses will be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on June 23, 2010.