

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 22-669, Department of Buildings Establishment Act of 2018

on

**Thursday, April 19, 2018
2:00 p.m., Hearing Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces the scheduling of a public hearing of the Committee of Whole on Bill 22-669, the "Department of Buildings Establishment Act of 2018." The hearing will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-669 is to establish the Department of Buildings (DOB) as a new subordinate agency within the Executive branch. The bill outlines the organizational structure and functions of the new agency. The Department of Buildings will be responsible for the administration and enforcement of construction compliance, rental housing safety, and residential property maintenance activities. The bill also requires the City Administrator to produce an Implementation and Transition Plan to the Council, which would detail the Executive's plans for implementation of this bill and includes other reporting requirements for DOB. Lastly, the bill redesignates the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs as the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP) to reflect the reduced responsibilities of that agency.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Randi Powell, Legislative Policy Advisor at (202) 724-8092, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Tuesday, **April 17, 2018**. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on April 18, 2018 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council's office or on <http://lims.dccouncil.us>. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed 24 hours in advance of the hearing at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2018.