

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

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**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON  
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**BILL 23-0089, "HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF  
2019"**

**BILL 23-0183, "CHILDREN AND YOUTH VISION SCREENING AMENDMENT ACT OF  
2019"**

**BILL 23-0192, "COTTAGE FOOD EXPANSION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019"**

**BILL 23-0198, "LEVERAGE FOR OUR FUTURE ACT OF 2019"**

**BILL 23-0202, "CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIFE ACT OF 2019"**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019  
2:30 P.M., ROOM 412, JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 23-0089, the "Health Impact Assessment Program Establishment Act of 2019", Bill 23-0183, the "Children and Youth Vision Screening Amendment Act of 2019", Bill 23-0192, the "Cottage Food Expansion Amendment Act of 2019", Bill 23-0198, the "Leverage for Our Future Act of 2019", and Bill 23-0202, the "Certified Professional Midwife Act of 2019." The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., or at the conclusion of the FY 2020 District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority Budget Oversight Hearing, in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

Bill 23-0089, the "Health Impact Assessment Program Establishment Act of 2019" establishes a health impact assessment program within the Department of Health to evaluate the potential health effects of proposed projects on individuals and communities. The health impact assessment shall include an advisory committee, procedures for taking public comment, and a procedure for enhanced public notification and involvement in developing community health awareness.

Bill 23-0183, the "Children and Youth Vision Screening Amendment Act of 2019" exempts certain nonprofits providing vision screenings to children and youth from the certificate of need process.

Bill 23-0192, the “Cottage Food Expansion Amendment Act of 2019” removes the annual revenue cap on cottage food businesses and allows all direct sales of cottage food products, as well as revises inspection requirements.

Bill 23-0198, the “Leverage for Our Future Act of 2019” amends the Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2018 to require the Department of Health to issue a competitive grant to a home visiting provider in order to support the provision of home visiting services to certain first-time mothers. The bill would also place Early Head Start under the authority of the Office of the State of Superintendent of Education.

Bill 23-0202, the “Certified Professional Midwife Act of 2019” establishes the Board of Certified Professional Midwives to regulate the practice of midwifery in the District, and permits Certified Professional Midwives to supervise services at a Maternity birthing center.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Malcolm Cameron, Committee Legislative Analyst at (202) 654-6179 or [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us), and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2019.

Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. The Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us) or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 113, Washington D.C. 20004.