

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**COUNCILMEMBER BRIANNE K. NADEAU, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

B23-097, THE “ACCESS TO PUBLIC BENEFITS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Wednesday, April 24th, 2019, Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, will hold a public hearing on B23-097, the “Access to Public Benefits Amendment Act of 2019”. The hearing will take place in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, at 10:00 a.m.

The stated purpose of B23-097, the “Access to Public Benefits Amendment Act of 2019”, is to modernize the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982 by extending the opt out from denying Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to certain drug felons to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) benefits and other locally funded non-TANF cash assistance benefits.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee via email at humanservices@dccouncil.us or at (202) 724-8170, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Monday, April 22, 2019**. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Witnesses are encouraged to bring **fifteen single-sided copies** of their written testimony.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee at humanservices@dccouncil.us or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004. **The record will close at the end of the business day on May 8, 2019.**