

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

COUNCILMEMBER BRIANNE K. NADEAU, CHAIRPERSON
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

Bill 23-402, the “Standby Guardian Amendment Act of 2019”

and

B23-437, the “Child Safety and Well-Being Ombudsperson Establishment
Act of 2019”

Monday, October 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Room 412

John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, announces a public hearing on Bill 23-402, the “Standby Guardian Amendment Act of 2019” and B23-437, the “Child Safety and Well-Being Ombudsperson Establishment Act of 2019”. The public hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

B23-402, the “Standby Guardian Amendment Act of 2019” expands the existing standby guardianship law to enable a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian, who is, or may be subject to an adverse immigration action, to make short-term plans for a child without terminating or limiting that person’s parental or custodial rights.

B23-437, the “Child Safety and Well-Being Ombudsperson Establishment Act of 2019” would establish the Office of the Child Safety and Well-Being Ombudsperson as part of the Citizen Review Panel on Child Abuse and Neglect of the District of Columbia.

Copies of both pieces of legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on LIMS at lims.dccouncil.us.

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) 724-8101, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, title (if any), the language of oral interpretation, or any requests for accommodations by **close of business Friday, October 25, 2019**. Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, including

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, are requested to inform this office of the need as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 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 and are encouraged to submit a copy of their testimony electronically to humanservices@dccouncil.us.

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 November 11, 2019.**