

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
NOTICE –Public Hearing**

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**COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON T. TODD
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B23-970 - Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act of
2020**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 2:00 PM

Virtual hearing via Zoom

Broadcast on DC Cable Channel 13 and online at www.dccouncil.us

Councilmember Brandon T. Todd, Chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations, announces a public hearing on **B23-970, the Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act of 2020**. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., via Zoom.

B23-970 amend the Human Rights Act of 1977 to prohibit discrimination based on hair styles necessitated, or resulting from, the immutable characteristics of a hair texture associated with race, including braids, cornrows, locks, afros, curls, twists, and knots.

Persons wishing to provide oral testimony should contact Dolly Turner, Deputy Chief of Staff, by e-mail at dturner@dccouncil.us by before 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020. When sending an e-mail or leaving a voicemail, please provide Ms. Turner with the following information:

- Your first and last name;
- The name of the organization you are representing (if any);
- Your title with the organization;
- Your e-mail address;
- Your phone number; and
- The specific bill/s you will be testifying about.

Ms. Turner will e-mail a confirmation of your attendance with an agenda, witness list, and attached instructions for accessing the Zoom video conference hearing by 5:00 p.m. on November 17, 2020. Oral testimony will be strictly limited to three minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to testify.

Due to technological limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic, only the first six hours of the hearing will be broadcasted, however, the Zoom hearing will continue until all witnesses who have signed up have had an opportunity to testify.

Persons wishing to provide written testimony should e-mail their written testimony to Dolly Turner, Deputy Chief of Staff, at dturner@dccouncil.us before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. Any testimony provided after this time will not be made part of the hearing record. Please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this hearing in the subject line of the email. The Committee also welcomes e-mails commenting on the proposed legislation, however, this correspondence is not included in the official Committee report if it is not labeled as testimony.

For accommodation requests, including spoken language or sign language interpretation, please inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Council will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If you have any questions, please contact Manuel Geraldo, Committee Director, by either email or phone. mgeraldo@dccouncil.us or (202) 724-8035