

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

**COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTINA HENDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC Hearing**

ON

B25-0565 - Direct Care Worker Amendment Act of 2023

AND

**PR25-0633 - Board of Veterinary Medicine Blair Zervos Confirmation Resolution of
2024**

ON

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 1:00p.m.
Hybrid in Room 412 and Virtual via Zoom
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Councilmember Christina Henderson, Chair of the Committee on Health, announces a public hearing on B25-0565, the Direct Care Worker Amendment Act of 2023 and PR25-0633 - Board of Veterinary Medicine Blair Zervos Confirmation Resolution of 2024. The hearing will be held on Wednesday March 13, 2024, 1:00p.m., hybrid in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, and Virtual via Zoom.

The stated purpose of B25-0565 is to establish a new credential for direct care workers to replace the home health aide and certified nursing assistant certifications. It would also eliminate barriers to certified apprenticeship programs for direct care workers and lower the age requirement for direct care workers to 16 years of age. It allows those certified in Maryland or Virginia to practice in the District and establishes a minimum wage for direct support services.

The stated purpose of PR25-0633 - Board of Veterinary Medicine Blair Zervos Confirmation Resolution of 2024 is to reappoint Mr. Blair Zervos as the consumer member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, for a term to end April 16, 2027.

Witnesses may appear either in-person or virtually using the Zoom platform. Unless otherwise stated in pre-hearing instructions, witnesses will have 5 minutes to speak if they are representing an organization, and 3 minutes if they are speaking for themselves. The public should sign up at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Hearings> by 5pm on Monday, March 11, 2024. **Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding.** We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. If you have additional questions, please email Ashley Strange, Legislative Assistant at astrange@dccouncil.gov.

Testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> in advance of the roundtable. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted through the Hearing Management System. The record will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.