

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE
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COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & THE ENVIRONMENT

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

**B25-0798, THE “MOPED REGISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY AMENDMENT ACT OF
2024”**

AND

REGULATION OF MOPEDS & MOTORCYCLES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Thursday, July 11, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – no later than 3:00 p.m.

Roundtable in Room 120 and via Zoom

To Watch Live:

<https://dccouncil.us/council-videos/>

<http://video.oct.dc.gov/DCC/jw.html>

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On Thursday, July 11, 2024, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will convene a public oversight roundtable to consider B25-0798, the “Moped Registration Accountability Amendment Act of 2024,” as well as the topic of moped and motorcycle regulation in the District. This is a hybrid format roundtable, with public witnesses appearing virtually via the Zoom platform and government witnesses appearing in-person in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, from 9:30 a.m. to no later than 3:00 p.m.

B25-0798, the “Moped Registration Accountability Amendment Act of 2024,” would require that motor vehicle dealers, prior to any sale of a motor vehicle, provide written notice to consumers regarding the vehicle’s classification and registration requirements. B25-0798 would also prohibit motorcycle or motor-driven cycle rental operators from renting a vehicle that does not meet vehicle registration or identification requirements, or affixing false identifying information (e.g., engine displacement) to a rental vehicle. Finally, the bill requires that rental operators register any motorcycles or motor-driven cycles in their rental fleet.

In addition to considering B25-0798, the Committee will also more broadly consider the topic of moped and motorcycle regulation in the District. Moped use in the District of Columbia has dramatically increased in recent years. The Department of Motor Vehicles registered 143 mopeds in 2023—a nearly 165% increase over the 54 mopeds registered in 2022. Mopeds are relatively inexpensive compared to other personal motor vehicles and are commonly used by food delivery workers—many of whom are people of color or members of low-income communities. However, the proliferation of mopeds has also created safety concerns, with pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers reporting dangerous driving and improper use of sidewalks, bike lanes, and vehicle travel lanes by moped riders. In response to these growing concerns, the Metropolitan Police Department recently strengthened its enforcement against moped riders through [Operation Ride Right](#).

The Committee intends for the roundtable to serve as a venue to discuss safety concerns related to expanded moped use, the reforms proposed in B25-0798, and any economic and environmental benefits of properly regulated moped use. The Committee will also consider the District’s existing laws and regulations regarding moped use, and how they can be strengthened or more effectively enforced.

The Committee invites the public to provide live and written testimony. Public witnesses seeking to provide testimony at the Committee’s roundtable must thoroughly review the following instructions:

- If you would like to provide live testimony during the roundtable or submit written testimony for the record, please use the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>. HMS is a universal, centralized way to find out about upcoming hearings, register to testify, submit testimony, download testimony, and see how many witnesses have registered. **The deadline to register to provide live testimony through HMS is July 9 at 5:30pm. The hearing record closes at 5:30pm on July 25, 2024, after which you will be unable to submit written testimony.**
- Once you have identified the hearing at which you want to testify on the Hearing Management System, read the Hearing Notice at the bottom of the page for additional details on the hearing. The hearing page also shows how many witnesses have already registered under the “Witnesses” heading.
- Click the “Register to Testify” button at the upper right of the page to register to testify at the hearing. If the deadline to sign up for a hearing has already passed, or if there is no public testimony at the hearing, the button will not be available.
- If there are multiple topics to be considered at a hearing, select which one you would like to speak to by placing a checkmark next to the relevant topic or legislation. If you are testifying on behalf of an organization, select “Organization” and include your title and the organization’s name. If you are testifying on your own behalf, select “Individual.” There may be additional fields included by a Committee to gather further details.
- Select “Live Testimony” or “Record Testimony.” Select “Live Testimony” if you previously registered to testify at the hearing. If your testimony is only for the written record, choose “Record Testimony.” Please use the same name, organization information, and email address that you used if you registered to testify.

- If you are trying to submit testimony, click the “Submit Testimony” button in the upper right on the hearing page. If the deadline to submit testimony for a hearing has already passed, the button will not be available.
- You can upload testimony in either Adobe PDF, Microsoft Word, Apple Pages, or a plain text file by clicking “Upload My Testimony.” You can also type your testimony from this page by selecting “I will type my testimony here.”
- After completing the web form, you should receive a confirmation email from noreply@dccouncil.gov. Prior to the roundtable, you will receive an email from noreply@dccouncil.gov from the Committee with additional details on testifying, including the access link.
- The Committees will approve witnesses’ registrations based on the total time allotted for public testimony. The Committees will also determine the order of witnesses’ testimony.
- Representatives of organizations and ANCs will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. If more than one witness is testifying on behalf of the same organization, the first witness will have five minutes, and all subsequent witnesses will have three minutes. To accommodate additional public witnesses, the Committee may reduce witnesses’ allotted time for testimony but will inform witnesses if it plans to do so.
- Witnesses are not permitted to yield their time to or substitute their testimony for the testimony of another individual or organization.
- Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, including ASL interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee as soon as possible, but no later than five business days before the roundtable. Please include this request in the additional field for this purpose when you register to testify. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received fewer than five business days before the roundtable may not be fulfilled.

This notice has been revised to include links to watch the roundtable live.