COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

BROOKE PINTO, CHAIR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

on

Bill 25-245, the "Establishment of Reasonable Controls for the Firearm Industry Amendment Act of 2024"; and

Bill 25-122, the "Fur Products Prohibition Act of 2023"

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.

In the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 412 and virtually via Zoom

To watch live:

Councilmember Pinto's YouTube Page (www.youtube.com/@cmbrookepinto)

DC Council Website (dccouncil.gov)

Office of Cable Television Website (entertainment.dc.gov)

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, Councilmember Brooke Pinto, Chairwoman of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a hearing on Bill 25-245, the "Establishment of Reasonable Controls for the Firearm Industry Amendment Act of 2024," and Bill 25-122, the "Fur Products Prohibition Act of 2023." The hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

Bill 25-245, the "Establishment of Reasonable Controls for the Firearm Industry Amendment Act of 2024," was introduced by Councilmember Parker on April 11, 2023. As introduced, this bill would amend the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 to establish civil liability for firearm industry members who fail to establish reasonable controls and procedures, sell firearm related products that are abnormally dangerous and likely to create an unreasonable risk of harm to public health and safety, or engage in certain unfair or deceptive trade practices.

Bill 25-122, the "Fur Products Prohibition Act of 2023," was introduced by Councilmember Gray on February 6, 2023. As introduced, this bill would prohibit the sale of animal fur products.

The Committee invites the public to testify. Those who wish to do so must register using the Council's Hearing Management System at https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings by 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Witnesses who represent organizations will have 5 minutes to speak. All others will have 3 minutes to speak. Witnesses will have the option to testify in person or virtually; witnesses should specify which option they are electing at the time they sign up to testify.

¹ If there is a large number of witnesses, the Committee may allow less time for each witness in order to ensure all witnesses have an opportunity to testify.

Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or who require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests may be submitted via the Hearing Management System during registration or by contacting Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Committee Manager to the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, at (202) 724-8058 or via email at judiciary@dccouncil.gov. Requests received less than 5 business days before the proceeding may not be fulfilled. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Benjamin at the phone number or email listed above.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record; written testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System at https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings. Testimony will be publicly accessible following Committee review.

The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.