

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 26-48, Review of Agency Action Clarification Amendment Act of 2025

on

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

**Room 412 (Track B)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **Bill 26-48**, the “**Review of Agency Action Clarification Amendment Act of 2025.**” The hearing will be held at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.**

The stated purpose of Bill 26-48 is to amend the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act (D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*) to codify agency deference and clarify that a reviewing court or tribunal shall defer to an agency’s reasonable interpretation of a statute or regulation the agency administers so long as that interpretation is not plainly wrong or inconsistent with the statutory or regulatory language or the Council’s intent. Bill 26-48 is similar to D.C. Acts 25-634 and 25-664 enacted in the fall of 2024.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2025. Testimony is limited to four minutes.** 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 by emailing cow@dccouncil.gov. 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. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please contact Blaine Stum, Senior Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-8092 or bstum@dccouncil.gov.

Public witnesses may participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council’s Hearing Management System in advance of the hearing. 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 or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.