

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
BROOKE PINTO, CHAIR

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**Bill 26-52 the “Evidence-Based Gun Violence Reduction and Prevention Act of 2025”**

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

In the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 123  
and virtually via Zoom

**To watch live:**

Councilmember Pinto’s YouTube Page ([www.youtube.com/@cmbrookepinto](https://www.youtube.com/@cmbrookepinto))

DC Council Website ([dccouncil.gov](https://dccouncil.gov))

Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)

Office of Cable Television Website ([entertainment.dc.gov](https://entertainment.dc.gov))

On Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 9:30 am, Councilmember Brooke Pinto, Chairwoman of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public hearing on **Bill 26-52, the “Evidence-Based Gun Violence Reduction and Prevention Act of 2025”**. The hearing will be held in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The purpose of Bill 26-52, the, “Evidence-Based Gun Violence Reduction and Prevention Act of 2025” would establish a Group Violence Intervention Initiative and an organizational structure to guide the efforts of the Initiative. It would allow the Metropolitan Police Department to hire civilian personnel to respond to and investigate certain property crimes and cold cases. The Sentencing Commission is required to publish a biannual report on repeat violent offenders in the District and authorizes the Mayor to take corrective actions to remediate criminal blight at properties in the District. It would require the Director of the Department of Healthcare Finance to submit an amendment to the Medicaid state plan to make community violence prevention services available to Medicaid beneficiaries.

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 **9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Witnesses who represent organizations will have 5 minutes to speak. All others will have 3 minutes to speak.<sup>1</sup> **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.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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 e-mail at [abenjamin@dccouncil.gov](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.gov). It may not be possible to fulfill requests received less than 5 business days before the proceeding. 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 e-mail 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 review by Committee staff.

**The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.**