

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**Bill 20-321, the “Human Rights Act Notice Requirement Amendment Act of 2013”
Bill 20-803, the “Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014”
and
Bill 20-884, the “Bicycle and Motor Vehicle Collision Recovery Amendment Act of 2014”**

Monday, September 29, 2014

12:30 p.m.

John A. Wilson Building, Room 500

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, announces a public hearing on September 29, 2014, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive testimony on Bills 20-321, 20-803, and 20-884.

Bill 20-321 would clarify that the notice requirement for claims against the District does not apply to claims alleging violations of the Human Rights Act. The bill may be viewed online at <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B20-0321>.

Bill 20-803 would require the Director of the Office of Human Rights (OHR) have a demonstrated background in human rights law; require OHR’s annual report to include information on investigations and public hearings initiated by the Office; and repeal the exemption allowing religiously-affiliated educational institutions to discriminate based on sexual orientation. The bill may be viewed online at <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B20-0803>.

Bill 20-884 would adopt a comparative negligence standard for damages recovery in bicycle and motor vehicles collisions. The bill may be viewed online at <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B20-0884>.

The Committee invites the public to testify. Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify should contact Nicole Goines at 724-7808 or ngoines@dccouncil.us, and furnish their name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation, if any, by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their testimony. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes. For those unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014 to Ms. Goines, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, Room 109, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., 20004, or via email at ngoines@dccouncil.us.