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HEARING NOTES

Council Resolution: 23-0185R

Reproductive Options for Everyone

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology
Chaired by: Councilwoman Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: November 29, 2023
Time (Beginning): 10: 20 AM
Time (Ending): 10: 50 AM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 12
Committee Members in Attendance:
Danielle McCray Ryan Dorsey
Phylicia Porter James Torrence

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Ebony Thompson, Baltimore City Solicitor’s Office
- Julia Roche, Baltimore City Health Department
- Rebecca Dineen, Maternal Child Health. Baltimore City Health Department
- Karen Nelson, Planned Parenthood

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Phylcia Porter discusses the challenges posed by the overturn of Roe v. Wade and the subsequent efforts by anti-choice legislators across the nation. The bill aims to address these challenges by ensuring reproductive health protections in Baltimore.
 2. Julia Roche from the Baltimore City Health Department outlines recent state laws in Maryland that bolster protections for individuals seeking abortion care, including restrictions on sharing clinical information outside the state.
 3. Ebony Thompson from the City Solicitor's Office provides historical context on abortion laws in the United States, emphasizing the recent overturn of the Dobbs decision and the resulting increase in state legislative activities on both sides of the abortion issue.
 4. Concerns about data breaches and the protection of electronic medical records are raised, with a focus on how the city plans to monitor the storage and distribution of clinical or personal information from individuals seeking reproductive care.
 5. Questions are raised about collaboration with law enforcement entities, such as the sheriff's department, MTA police, and other public safety agencies, to ensure adherence to laws and mitigate potential risks related to human trafficking.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

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Date: November 29, 2023



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Council Resolution – Reproductive Options for Everyone	23-0185R
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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	<div style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Testify</div>	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
Karen	Nelson	Planned Parenthood	✓	✓			

*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

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City Hall, Room 408
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Health, Environment, and Technology

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall, Phone:
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Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m88fa0befe8a3bf9d61dacf655c10141b)
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 4 - Danielle N. McCray, Ryan Dorsey, Phylicia Porter, and James Torrence

Absent 3 - John T. Bullock, Mark Conway, and Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

23-0185R

Reproductive Options for Everyone

For the purpose of calling on all units of City government receiving City funds to safeguard an individual's right to abortion care by, unless otherwise required by Maryland or federal law, refraining from using City funds to store, catalogue, provide, monitor, or collect certain information that could be used to retaliate against an individual seeking abortion care.

Sponsors: Phylicia Porter, Odette Ramos, Sharon Green Middleton, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Danielle N. McCray, John T. Bullock, Mark Conway, Robert Stokes, Sr., Antonio Glover, President Nicholas J. Mosby, James Torrence, Eric T. Costello

Recessed

ADJOURNMENT