

## CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT, Mayor



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### HEARING NOTES

Bill: 23-0378

#### Unlawful Practices - Discrimination Based on Characteristics or Status

**Committee:** Public Safety and Government Operations

**Chaired by:** Mark Conway

**Hearing Date:** May 24, 2023

**Time (Beginning):** 2:25 PM

**Time (Ending):** 3:15 PM

**Location:** Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

**Total Attendance:** Approximately 36 people

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Mark Conway      Kristerfer Burnett      Phylicia Porter  
Antonio Glover      Odette Ramos

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
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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
Motioned by: .....			
Seconded by: .....			
Final Vote: .....			

#### Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Tylor Schnella – OECR

Teresa Cummings – City Solicitor

Larissa Parrish – DHR

Julia Roche – BCDH

Londyn Smith de Richelieu Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs



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### Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Conway called the hearing to order and introduced the committee members in attendance.
2. Councilman Burnett discussed the background of the bill and summarized the bill. Also noted that amendments were being circulated for the bill.
3. Agencies introduced themselves and reviewed their agency reports.
  - a. The City Solicitor's Office indicated that the ordinance's rules on restrooms and the usage of pronouns could be challenged in court.
4. Agencies responded to questions from committee members. Topics included.
  - a. Enforcement
  - b. Connection to State and Federal counterparts and statutes.
  - c. Has a budget request for the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs been submitted? (Not at the time of the hearing)
5. Chairman Conway recognized participants for public testimony. Several participants testified in support of the bill and asked for a vote on the bill at the hearing.
6. Chairman Conway explained that the committee would not vote on the bill at this hearing to give members the chance to review and consider the bill and proposed amendments.
7. Councilman Burnett made a closing statement and indicated that additional hearings and voting sessions would be scheduled after the budget process and would be communicated to constituents.
8. Chairman Conway recessed the hearing.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ Yes   ☐ No

If yes, describe.

The Committee will reconvene to consider amendments at a later date.

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**Committee Vote:**

M. Conway: .....  
K. Burnett: .....  
Z. Cohen: .....  
E. Costello: .....  
A. Glover: .....  
P. Porter: .....  
O. Ramos: .....

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Tony Leva,  
Committee Staff

Date: May 25, 2023

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