

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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

Bill 25-811, “Red-Backed Salamander Official State Amphibian Designation Act of 2024”

on

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

**Room 412 (Track B)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **Bill 25-811**, the “Red-Backed Salamander Official State Amphibian Designation Act of 2024”. The public hearing will be held at **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024**.

The stated purpose of Bill 25-811 is to designate the Red-Backed Salamander (*Plethodon cinereus*) as the official state amphibian of the District of Columbia. This proposed designation was recommended by the students at Powell Elementary School, who studied the Red-backed Salamander and proposed that the Council adopt the Red-backed Salamander as the official state amphibian of the District of Columbia.

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, September 16, 2024**. **Testimony is limited to three 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 get in touch with Aliyah McNeely, Legislative Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-7130 or amcneely@dccouncil.gov.

Public witnesses will participate in-person or virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Those who wish to submit testimony for the record may do so by using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> or by leaving a voicemail at (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. **The record will close at 5:00 pm on Monday, September 30, 2024**.