

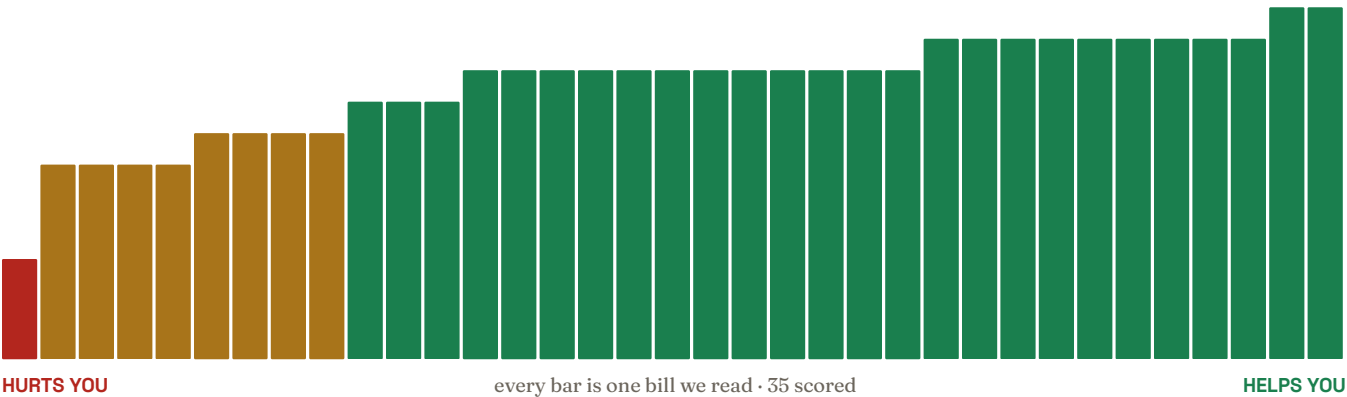


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Washington, D.C. Bill Book

2026

The Washington, D.C. bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 35 Washington, D.C. bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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10 worst, 10 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

- 2/10** B26-0019 **The Avanti Estate Bill** — Avanti Real Estate gets tax break on one DC property
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THE BEST — HIGHEST SCORING

- 10/10** B26-0532 **The Seniors Breaks Bill** — DC seniors could keep tax breaks when they move homes
- 10/10** B26-0525 **The Health Privacy Bill** — New DC bill protects your health privacy
- 9/10** B26-0184 **The Past Convictions Bill** — DC offers tax breaks for hiring people with past convictions
- 9/10** B26-0657 **The Homes & Empty Bill** — DC bill helps people buy homes and fix up empty ones
- 9/10** B26-0028 **The Solitary Confinement Bill** — DC bill would stop solitary confinement in jails
- 9/10** B26-0167 **The Medical Records Bill** — Free medical records for benefit claims in DC
- 9/10** B26-0464 **The Businesses Rent Bill** — DC plan helps small businesses pay rent, get credit
- 9/10** B26-0488 **DC bill would help people pay for job training**
- 9/10** B26-0038 **The Shorten Pardon Bill** — DC board could shorten pardon wait for some people
- 9/10** B26-0416 **The Homeowners & Renters Bill** — DC homeowners and renters get more help staying put

The Avanti Estate Bill

Avanti Real Estate gets tax break on one DC property

DC B26-0019 • Housing & Property

2/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens could see higher taxes or fewer services because the city loses revenue from that property, while the real estate firm saves money. The bill is still early, so people can speak up now.

WHY IT SCORES 2/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — neutral.
No change to oversight of the company.
- Rights & Protections** (hurts) — tax fairness reduced.
Taxpayers lose equal tax burden.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — cost shift to citizens.
City loses revenue, others may pay more.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — neutral.
Bill is a simple exemption.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Avanti Real Estate, Inc.
Bearing the cost: DC taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Avanti Real Estate, Inc. Real Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0019

 Introduced · recorded 2025-01-03

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let Avanti Real Estate avoid paying property tax on its building at 3421 14th Street, shifting that cost to other DC taxpayers.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Real Estate

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0019) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0019>

LegiScan — B26-0019 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0019/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0019-905004

YOUR NOTES

The Captive Insurance Bill

Changes to rules for captive insurance companies proposed

DC B26-0588 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could make it easier for companies to operate their own insurance, but it may not help everyday people who need protection.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — Updates rules without clear benefits for consumers..

The bill focuses on business requirements.

Rights & Protections (hurts) — May not protect everyday people..

Changes may favor companies over consumers.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Costs are unclear..

Unknown how this affects consumers.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Captive Insurance Company Amendment Act of 2026

DC B26-0588

 Introduced · recorded 2025-12-29

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change rules for special insurance companies, which might help them but not regular people.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0588) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0588>

LegiScan — B26-0588 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0588/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0588-103782

YOUR NOTES

The Skill Games Bill

New rules for skill games could change player protections

DC B26-0041 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People should pay attention to this bill because it might change how skill games are played and what protections players have.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — The bill introduces regulations but lacks clear consumer benefits..
Unknown

Rights & Protections (neutral) — It aims to protect players but specifics are unclear..
Unknown

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — It does not shift costs but lacks clarity on who benefits..
Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear (OR / OD)

THE BILL ITSELF

Revised Game of Skill Machines Consumer Protections Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0041

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-13

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would set rules for skill games to protect players, but it is still unclear how it will help them.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0041) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0041>

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Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0041-928404

YOUR NOTES

The Forgiveness Nonprofit Bill

Tax forgiveness for one nonprofit housing building in DC

DC B26-0237 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If the bill passes, the nonprofit could keep more money for upkeep and maybe keep rents affordable, but the city will lose tax revenue that could fund services. Residents should watch to see if special tax breaks become common.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (hurts) — exempt from recertification reduces oversight.
property not monitored for nonprofit status

Rights & Protections (neutral) — no change to citizen rights.
none

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — city loses tax revenue.
public funds

Process Transparency (neutral) — standard process.
public hearing held

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: SOME, Inc.

Bearing the cost: City taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

4111 Kansas Avenue NW Timeline Extension and Tax Forgiveness Act of 2025

DC B26-0237 Introduced · recorded 2025-05-01

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let a nonprofit skip recertification for four years and refund any property taxes paid on the building since May 2022.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Nonprofit housing

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0237) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0237>

LegiScan — B26-0237 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0237/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0237-029206

YOUR NOTES

The Condo Owners Bill

New bill changes insurance rules for condo owners in DC

DC B26-0495 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Condo owners should pay attention. This bill could make it more expensive to fix issues in their homes. Now is the time to speak up.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — Clarifies insurance requirements..

The bill specifies what insurance condo owners need.

Rights & Protections (hurts) — Increases costs for owners..

Higher deductibles mean owners pay more when claims happen.

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Shifts costs to condo owners..

Owners will have to cover more expenses themselves.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Condominium Insurance Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0495

Introduced · recorded 2025-11-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change insurance rules for condo owners, making them pay more out of pocket if something happens.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0495) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0495>

LegiScan — B26-0495 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0495/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0495-054024

YOUR NOTES

The Disposable Wipes Bill

New tax on disposable wipes aims to improve sewer systems

DC B26-0622 • Consumer Protection

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could help improve our sewer systems. But it also means paying more for disposable wipes. Now is the time to speak up about this.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Funds sewer improvements..
The tax collected will be used for capital improvements.
- Rights & Protections (neutral)** — No rights removed..
The bill does not take away any rights.
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Consumers pay more..
Consumers will pay more for disposable wipes.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: DC Water and Sewer Authority
Bearing the cost: Consumers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Consumer Levies on Obstructive Garbage Amendment Act of 2026

DC B26-0622

Introduced · recorded 2026-03-02

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would tax disposable wipes and remove taxes on bidets, helping to fix sewer lines with the money collected.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0622) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0622>

LegiScan — B26-0622 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0622/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0622-129719

YOUR NOTES

The City Transport Bill

New rules for self-driving cars could change city transport

DC B26-0684 • Consumer Protection

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens should pay attention because this could change how we travel and how safe it is on the roads.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Establishes penalties for noncompliance..
Penalties encourage companies to follow safety rules.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Creates an appeals process for companies..
Companies can appeal decisions, which adds fairness.
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Tax on vehicle miles traveled..
The tax could be passed to consumers.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Autonomous Vehicle Deployment Authorization Amendment Act of 2026

DC B26-0684

Introduced · recorded 2026-05-01

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would let self-driving cars operate in DC, affecting how people and goods move around.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0684) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0684>

LegiScan — B26-0684 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0684/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0684-147814

YOUR NOTES

The City Gardeners Bill

New rules for urban farming could help city gardeners

DC B26-0531 • Consumer Protection

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, more people might start urban farms. This could help communities grow fresh food and beautify neighborhoods. Now is the time to support it.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No major accountability changes noted..
The bill does not add or remove accountability measures.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Supports urban farming rights..
The bill expands what can be grown, supporting more urban farming.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Costs are unclear..
The financial impact on urban farmers is not specified.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No changes to transparency noted..
The bill does not affect how urban farming is regulated.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Urban Agriculture Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0531

Introduced · recorded 2025-12-08

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change rules for urban farming, making it easier for people to grow different types of crops.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0531) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0531>

LegiScan — B26-0531 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0531/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0531-058529

YOUR NOTES

The Medical Cannabis Bill

New bill could allow drinks made from medical cannabis

DC B26-0654 • Healthcare & Insurance

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could create new products for patients. But it might also help big companies more than everyday people. It's important to watch how this develops.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear accountability measures for consumers..
The bill does not specify how consumers will be protected.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No new rights for consumers are included..
The bill focuses on production and taxation, not consumer rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Potential cost shift to consumers through taxes..
Tax changes could impact prices for medical cannabis products.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Public hearings held, but details are limited..
The process has some transparency with public hearings.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Medical Cannabis Beverage Product Amendment Act of 2026

DC B26-0654

 Introduced · recorded 2026-04-02

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would let some companies make drinks with medical cannabis for patients who need it.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0654) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0654>

LegiScan — B26-0654 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0654/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0654-141318

YOUR NOTES

The Moped Buyers Bill

New bill aims to protect moped buyers from shady sales

DC B26-0009 • Consumer Protection

7 /10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This is a good chance to make sure moped buyers get clear information. If you care about fair sales, now is the time to speak up.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Increases accountability for vehicle dealers..
Dealers must provide clear information to buyers.
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Strengthens protections for moped buyers..
Buyers get better information about their purchases.
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Improves transparency in vehicle sales..
Dealers must disclose registration requirements.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Moped Registration Accountability Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0009

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-03

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would help moped buyers know the rules before buying, so they can avoid scams.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0009) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0009>

LegiScan — B26-0009 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0009/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0009-905255

YOUR NOTES

The Seniors Breaks Bill

DC seniors could keep tax breaks when they move homes

DC B26-0532 • Housing & Property

10_{/10} **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help senior citizens in DC afford to move to a new home without losing their tax break. Right now, if a senior homeowner sells their house and buys another, they might lose the special tax credit that helps lower their property taxes. This bill would let them transfer that tax break to their new home. It would also make it easier for seniors who own a home together, like with a family member, to get the tax...

WHY IT SCORES 10/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No direct impact on government or corporate accountability..
The bill focuses on tax credit portability for individuals, not on holding entities...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Protects seniors' financial stability related to housing..
It would help senior homeowners keep a valuable tax credit when they move, supporting...
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Benefits senior homeowners by reducing their tax burden..
The bill would allow existing tax credits to transfer, easing financial strain for...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Bill is in early stages, no signs of rushed process..
The bill was introduced and referred to committees, following standard legislative steps.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Senior homeowners in DC
Bearing the cost: DC government (tax revenue)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 4D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Senior Citizen Tax Cap Transfer Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0532 Introduced · recorded 2025-12-08

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would let older people keep their home tax break if they move, helping them afford new homes.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0532) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0532>

LegiScan — B26-0532 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0532/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0532-058541

YOUR NOTES

The Health Privacy Bill

New DC bill protects your health privacy

DC B26-0525 • Privacy & Data

10_{/10} **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is good because it would give people more power over their private health information. Right now, companies can sometimes collect and share your health data without you fully knowing or agreeing. This bill would make sure you have to say 'yes' first and can even ask for your data to be deleted. It would also stop sneaky ways of tracking you when you visit doctors or clinics. Some might say these rules could make it...

WHY IT SCORES 10/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Companies would be more accountable for handling health data..
The bill would require entities that control health data to publish clear privacy...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Individuals gain significant rights over their health data..
The bill would create new rights for individuals, including the right to consent...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — Compliance costs for companies, not a direct shift to consumers..
The bill would place compliance requirements on 'controllers' of personal health data...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Requires clear privacy policies..
The bill would mandate that companies publish clear and easy-to-understand privacy...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Individuals, by protecting their health data and privacy.
- Bearing the cost:** Companies that collect, process, or disclose personal health data without clear consent.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 6D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Personal Health Data Security Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0525

Introduced · recorded 2025-12-01

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would stop companies from tracking you at health places and give you more say over your private health information.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0525) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0525>

LegiScan — B26-0525 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0525/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0525-056896

YOUR NOTES

The Past Convictions Bill

DC offers tax breaks for hiring people with past convictions

DC B26-0184 • Work & Wages

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people who have been to jail find jobs by giving businesses tax breaks for hiring them. Supporters say this helps people get back on their feet and makes communities safer. Others might worry about how much this program would cost taxpayers. It is important to watch this bill as it moves through the DC legislature to see if it becomes law and how it might affect people.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill focuses on incentives, not holding anyone accountable.

Rights & Protections (helps) — Helps people get jobs.
It would help people who have been to jail get a chance to work and rebuild their lives.

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Taxpayers fund credits.
The tax credits would be paid for by DC taxpayers.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Standard process.
The bill is going through the normal legislative steps.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Eligible businesses

Bearing the cost: DC taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 5D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Helping Incentivize Returning Citizen Employment (HIRE) Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0184

 Introduced · recorded 2025-03-24

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give businesses money back on their taxes if they hire people who have been to jail, helping those people find jobs.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Businesses

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0184) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0184>

LegiScan — B26-0184 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0184/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0184-014405

YOUR NOTES

The Homes & Empty Bill

DC bill helps people buy homes and fix up empty ones

DC B26-0657 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill aims to make housing more available and affordable for people in DC. It would help first-time homebuyers get a mortgage and make it simpler to build new homes. It also tries to deal with empty, run-down buildings by turning them into affordable places to live. If you care about making it easier for people to find a home in DC, this bill is important to watch as it moves through the government.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Creates oversight.
The bill would establish a Building Permit Advisory Council to make policy...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Supports housing access.
It would create programs like a lease-purchase homeownership pilot and a first-time...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Benefits individuals.
The first-time homebuyer mortgage interest tax credit would shift some cost from...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Advisory council.
The establishment of a Building Permit Advisory Council could lead to more transparent...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: First-time homebuyers, people seeking affordable housing, homeowners
Bearing the cost: District of Columbia government (due to tax credits and program costs)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / ID)

THE BILL ITSELF

Housing Opportunity, Mobility, Equity, and Stability (HOMES) Omnibus Amendment Act of 2026

DC B26-0657

 Introduced · recorded 2026-04-10

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would help people buy homes, especially first-time buyers, and make it easier to fix up empty buildings in DC.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0657) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0657>

LegiScan — B26-0657 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0657/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0657-143255

YOUR NOTES

The Solitary Confinement Bill

DC bill would stop solitary confinement in jails

DC B26-0028 • Criminal Justice

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would stop jails from putting people alone in cells for long periods, which is called solitary confinement. It would also make sure that people in jail who are having mental health problems get the care they need. Solitary confinement can be very harmful to a person's mind and body. This bill aims to treat people in jail more fairly and kindly. Some people might think that solitary confinement is needed to keep...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Jails would be more accountable for how they treat people.
The Department of Corrections would have to create a plan to eliminate segregated...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects people from harmful solitary confinement and ensures mental health care.
The bill would prohibit segregated confinement and require incarcerated people with...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — No clear cost shift mentioned in the text.
The bill requires operational changes for the Department of Corrections but does not...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Standard legislative process.
The bill was introduced and referred to committee, following normal procedures.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Incarcerated people, mental health services
- Bearing the cost:** Department of Corrections (operational changes)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 6D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Eliminating Restrictive and Segregated Enclosures (“ERASE”) Solitary Confinement Act of 2025

DC B26-0028 Introduced · recorded 2025-01-06

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would stop jails from putting people in solitary cells and make sure they get mental health help if they need it.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0028) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0028>

LegiScan — B26-0028 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0028/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0028-905180

YOUR NOTES

The Medical Records Bill

Free medical records for benefit claims in DC

DC B26-0167 • Healthcare & Insurance

9/10

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, everyday people could save money and get needed records faster, while clinics lose a small fee.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Rights & Protections (helps) — adds free access to records.

removes fees for personal medical records for benefit claims

Who Bears the Cost (helps) — shifts cost from patients to providers.

providers can no longer charge fees

Accountability (neutral) — no change in oversight.

does not affect reporting

Process Transparency (neutral) — simple rule.

clear prohibition

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Personal Medical Record Fee Exemption Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0167

Introduced · recorded 2025-03-05

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would stop doctors and hospitals from charging you for medical records you need to apply for Social Security or other aid.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0167) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0167>

LegiScan — B26-0167 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0167/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0167-995959

YOUR NOTES

The Businesses Rent Bill

DC plan helps small businesses pay rent, get credit

DC B26-0464 • Work & Wages

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help small businesses in DC by giving them rent guarantees and other ways to get credit. This could mean more local shops and jobs for people. If you care about local businesses staying open and growing, this bill could be good for your community. It is still early, so people can share their thoughts with lawmakers.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Creates a program to support local businesses..

The bill would create a new program within the Department of Small and Local Business...

Rights & Protections (helps) — Helps local businesses stay open and grow..

The program would offer rent guarantees and other credit enhancement services to...

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — City funds would support the program..

The bill would create a program within a city department, implying city funding.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Standard legislative process..

The bill has been introduced and referred to committees for review.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Small and Local Businesses

Bearing the cost: DC Government/Taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Small and Local Business Credit Enhancement Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0464

 Introduced · recorded 2025-11-03

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would create a program to help small businesses in DC get rent help and better credit, making it easier for them to stay open and hire people.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0464) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0464>

LegiScan — B26-0464 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0464/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0464-051474

YOUR NOTES

DC bill would help people pay for job training

DC B26-0488 • Work & Wages

9/10

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people in DC get the skills they need for better jobs without getting stuck in debt. It would create a program that gives special loans for school and even for daily living costs. These loans would not charge interest and could be forgiven, meaning people might not have to pay them back. This could help more people get good jobs and improve their lives. Some might say that creating a new government...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral impact.
The bill does not directly change how accountable people or groups are for their actions.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Boosts access to opportunity.
It would help more people get job training and education, which can lead to better work...
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Government funds individual benefits.
The DC government would pay for the program through a new fund, directly helping...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Neutral impact.
The bill does not change how transparent government processes are.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: People getting job training and education
Bearing the cost: DC taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Apprenticeships and Credentials as Pathways to Prosperity Act of 2025

DC B26-0488

 Introduced · recorded 2025-11-17

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give people zero-interest loans to pay for job training and living costs, helping them get good jobs.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

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READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0488) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0488>

LegiScan — B26-0488 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0488/2025>

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YOUR NOTES

The Shorten Pardon Bill

DC board could shorten pardon wait for some people

DC B26-0038 • Criminal Justice

9/10

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would let the Clemency Board in DC decide to forgive some people's past mistakes faster. Right now, if you want a pardon, you have to wait five years after you finish your sentence. This bill would let the board say, "Okay, you don't have to wait that long." This could help people get jobs or housing sooner. Some might worry that skipping the wait could be too fast, but the board would still decide each case. People...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Increases board's discretion.
The bill would give the Clemency Board more power to decide individual cases without a...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Helps people seeking pardons.
It would make it easier for people to get a pardon and move on with their lives by...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — No direct cost shift.
The bill does not mention new costs for citizens or the government, mainly changing a...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No change to transparency.
The bill focuses on the board's authority, not on how transparent its decisions are made.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Clemency Board Waiver Authority Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0038

 Introduced · recorded 2025-01-10

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would let a DC board skip the five-year wait for people asking for a pardon, helping them get a fresh start sooner.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (DC B26-0038) — <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0038>

LegiScan — B26-0038 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0038/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/dc-b26-0038-928897

YOUR NOTES

The Homeowners & Renters Bill

DC homeowners and renters get more help staying put

DC B26-0416 • Housing & Property

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people in Washington, DC, keep their homes. It would do this by giving more money back to homeowners and renters through a special tax credit. This credit is for people living in areas where it is easy to be pushed out because of rising costs. This means you would get more of your tax money back, making it easier to afford your home. Some people might worry about how this would affect the city's budget...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Not directly related to accountability..
This bill focuses on financial aid for residents, not on holding specific entities...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps people stay in their homes..
The bill would help protect the ability of residents to remain in their homes by making...
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — City might collect less tax money..
The District's budget would collect less tax revenue due to the increased tax credit...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Neutral on process transparency..
The bill's text does not address how transparent government processes would be.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Homeowners and renters in designated displacement risk zones
Bearing the cost: The District of Columbia's tax revenue

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Displacement Prevention Amendment Act of 2025

DC B26-0416

Introduced · recorded 2025-10-06

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give more tax money back to people who own or rent homes in areas where they might be forced to move, helping them stay in their homes.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

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LegiScan — B26-0416 — <https://legiscan.com/DC/bill/B26-0416/2025>

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