

Schedule and Logistical Information for CARE Court – SB 1338 hearings

Thank you for being part of a large coalition of people and organizations opposed to CARE Court!

Welcome packets: Talking point flyers, green mental health ribbons with #CareNotCourt ribbons, and schedule with contact information

SCHEDULE - Tuesday, April 26, 2022

9:15 am – meet at 1021 O Street for Senate Judiciary. There may be a long line to get into the building.

10:00 am

Senate Judiciary Committee meets - 1021 O Street, Room 2200.

12 noon

Press conference – East side of Capitol, N Street between 12th and 13th

SCHEDULE – Wednesday, April 27, 2022

12:15 pm

Meet at 1021 O Street for Senate Health. There may be a long line to get into the building.

1:00 pm

Senate Health Committee meets at 1021 O Street, Room 1200.

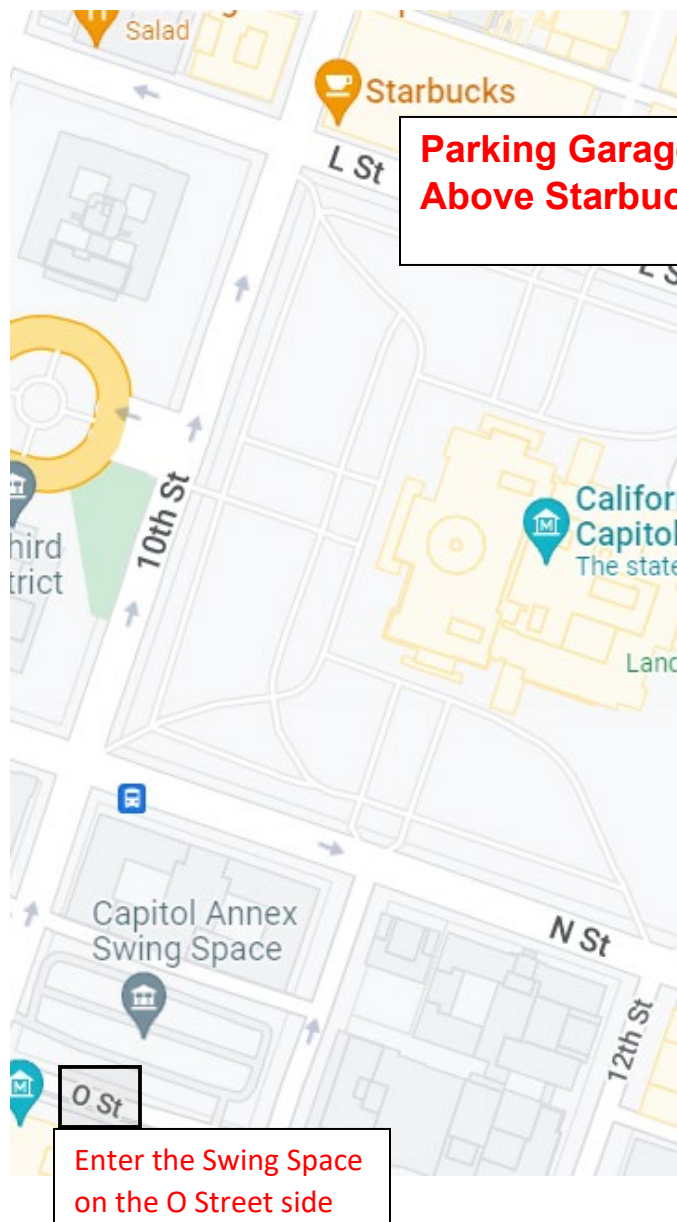
Note: As of late Saturday, 4/24, SB 1338 is not set at a specific time and is likely to come up later in the hearing. Unfortunately, scheduling changes occur and if there is a lull in the proceedings without an author present, the committee may consider a bill out of order, so it's important to remain in the building and available.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Location: 1021 O Street, between 10th and 11th.

Parking: You may be able to find a “2+” (2 hours or more) metered space on the street. You can park for a long time but you need to pay in advance and select the number of hours. The best garage is probably the public garage at 10th and L Streets. Enter on 10th, drive north past L (or turn right from L) then make a right turn into the garage. Grab a ticket and hold onto it to pay for parking. DRC will reimburse parking for primary witnesses.

Getting to the hearing building: From the Capitol, walk to 1021 O St. Go south on 10th or 11th past N Street. The building entrance is between 10th and 11th.



Getting into the building and to the hearing room: DRC staff will be at the entrance and inside the lobby and at the hearing room to direct people. Staff will be wearing GREEN ribbons and name tags. Our names and cell phone numbers are at the end of this document.

Security: To get into the building, you have to walk through a metal detector and your bag(s) go through an x-ray machine. It's similar to airport security. If you have a computer, plan on taking it out of its bag to run through the x-ray machine separately.

What will the hearing room be like?

Seating spaces will be marked for social distancing, meaning all the seats will not be filled and many people may end up waiting in the hallways until SB 1338 comes up. Since Senate Judiciary is hearing the bill first, be prepared at 10 am and make your way to the room entrance. If you are a primary witness, tell anyone barring the door you are a primary witness. DRC staff can help. If you are a "me-too," you may be waiting in the hallway until it's your turn to get into the room. There will be monitors in the hallways streaming the hearings.

Hearing procedure:

1. Authors make opening statements.
2. Author or committee chair introduces the primary witnesses (probably two to three, depending on the hearing) and the witnesses make their statements, either in person or by phone.
3. After the primary witnesses testify, the Chair will ask if anyone in the room wants to support the bill. We call this a "me-too." You get to state your name, an affiliation, and your position.
4. After witnesses in the room testify, the Chair will ask the phone operator to open phone lines for people testifying remotely. If you are a "me too" and are testifying remotely, see the instructions in the linked toolkit. bit.ly/carenotcourt
5. The process repeats for opposition, with primary witnesses followed by in-person me-toos and telephone me-toos.
6. After all the testimony, the Senators will likely spend a lot of time discussing the bill. *It's possible your testimony will lead a Senator to ask you to return to the microphone to respond to a question.*

How to do a me-too:

1. Be brief and polite. If you try to make a statement you're likely to get cut off. Here are some samples:
 2. My name is Maria Alonzo, I'm from <<city or county>>, I oppose the bill.
 3. I'm Hakeem Brown, I'm with <<organization name>> and we oppose SB 1338.
 4. I'm Reiko Kim, forced treatment hurt me, I oppose this bill.
- Note: This last one is risky if you can't get your message out in a few words. You may get cut off but if that's how you identify with the bill, go ahead and try.*

Telephone testimony instructions for me-toos

Senate Judiciary – Tuesday - 1-888-808-6929 and use Access Code 7362834 (NUMBER MIGHT CHANGE)

Senate Health – Wednesday - 1-888-251-2909 and use Access Code 7362832 (NUMBER MIGHT CHANGE)

[Tips for telephone testimony](#)

COVID Safety, Large Crowds, Getting Stuck in the Hallway

Expect large crowds. At least one organization is having a “Day at the Capitol” and there may be more, so that will impact parking and getting into the building. Many people will be wearing masks but many may not. Do what makes you comfortable. Consider leaving if the large crowds or COVID protocols make you uncomfortable. Consider doing a me-too by telephone.

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