

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY VIRTUALLY!



There are new ways to participate with new remote capabilities!

[Request To Testify Remotely/Upload Your Testimony](#)

- You will be able to select from the bills that are currently scheduled for hearing for the next 3 days.
- By 5PM the legislative day before the hearing, you will be able to submit your written testimony, write a brief message, or request a Zoom link to testify in the bill hearing.
- Fill out the form with the pertinent details and submit. You will receive an email confirmation.
- You do not have to testify in order to submit written comments. Written comments received by the deadline will be distributed to all committee members. However, if you request a Zoom link, we request that you write a brief message in the event of technical difficulties so that your name will be entered into the record.
- Rules of decorum must be followed and the Presiding Officer will call on you when it is your turn to speak. Follow the Zoom directions and raise your hand to let the Remote Committee Coordinator know when you want to speak. We will not assume that because you requested the

Zoom link that you automatically want to testify. There may be limits placed on how many people are allowed to testify remotely on each bill.

Each committee is a bit different, but if you testify on Zoom or in person, your introduction should follow the format below.

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, for the record my name is, YOUR NAME, last name spelled (SPELL OUT YOUR LAST NAME).

If you are testifying on behalf of an organization: I am here representing (YOUR ORGANIZATION)
If you are testifying on behalf of yourself: I am from (TOWN, STATE), and am here today to speak to you about BILL NUMBER.

State your position on the bill and deliver Support Testimony. Your testimony should generally not exceed 2 min. Some committees may limit the amount of testimony based on the number of proponents and opponents.