

# How To Participate in a Remote Bill Hearing

**During the remote 2021 Legislative Session, there are 3 options to testify on a bill:**

- 1. Note your position (pro or con) for the record**
- 2. Submit written testimony**
- 3. Testify live during a hearing**

**Noting your position for the record is a quick way to show your support (or opposition).**

- You must sign in at least **1 hour** before the hearing begins.
- You can choose to sign in PRO (in support of) or CON (against).
- You will need to choose your position, input your contact information, and submit.

**If you cannot attend the hearing or prefer to share your story through writing, submitting written testimony is a good option.**

- Written comments can be submitted **before the hearing or up to 24 hours after it has begun.**
- Type your comments directly into the form or draft your testimony in a different document and paste them into the form.
- There is a maximum of 5000 characters (about 2 pages).
- Your comments will be made available to legislators and will be included in the record for bill.



**Testifying during a hearing is a powerful way to share your story.**

- You can sign up to testify **up to 1 hour** before the hearing begins.
- Bill hearings will be broadcast live on TVW.
- If you register to testify live, you will be sent a personalized link to join the hearing via Zoom.
- The committee Chair may limit public testimony to as little as **1 minute** per person. Be ready with a **3 minute** and **1 minute** version of your testimony.
- Many bills are heard at each committee hearing. Be prepared to wait through other bills and be ready for your bill to come up and testify at any point during the hearing.
- Sometimes, even if you register, there isn't enough time for everyone to speak. Signing up does not always guarantee you'll be able to testify.

Click [here](#) to get to the Washington State Legislature 'Committee Hearings' page.



Select which chamber your hearing will be in: House, Senate, or Joint.

Select the committee, meeting time, and agenda item (bill).

**Select type of testimony**

I would like to submit written testimony.

I would like to testify live during the hearing.

I would like my position noted for the legislative record.

Choose the option of how you'd like to participate!

## Additional Resources:

- Not sure when your hearing is? Schedules can be found and sorted by date [here](#) and are regularly updated.
- For live testimony, you can participate via videoconference or phone. Here are further [instructions](#) on how to connect to the meeting.
- If you require an accommodation to testify before a committee, please refer to options on the Legislature's [Americans with Disabilities Act Information page](#).
- This can be an overwhelming process. You can always reach out for help to prepare written or verbal comments ([info@povertyaction.org](mailto:info@povertyaction.org)).