

Remote Testimony Questions

Chair and Hearing Management

1. Will remote testimony be subject to the same rules and procedures as in-person testimony (timers, handouts, personal information, decorum)?
2. Will the Chair have the ability to mute remote testifiers?
3. How are committees, bills, and/or hearings selected for remote testimony?
4. Will Chairs have the choice whether to participate in the remote testimony program?
5. Will Chairs be prepared to manage hearing time to accommodate remote testimony?
6. How will video conferencing be managed at multiple remote sites when there are multiple committees meeting at the same time?

Staffing

1. Who will staff remote sites, what are their responsibilities, and how will they be trained?
2. Should remote staff have a solid understanding of the legislative and committee process to help individuals at remote sites understand what is happening?
3. Will there be a help desk or other support resources available for remote staff?
4. How will committee staff in on-campus hearings communicate privately with remote staff?
5. If the electronic sign-in equipment is overwhelmed or otherwise fails, how will remote staff sign up people to testify and provide that list to the on-campus committee staff?

Public

1. How will the public be made aware of remote testimony capability?
2. How should committee staff handle remote testifiers who don't get time to testify?
3. Should the Senate require complete contact information from remote testifiers so members and staff can follow up with them, given the inability to approach them in-person during or after the hearing?
4. How will the Senate accommodate individuals with disabilities seeking to testify at remote sites?

Security

1. How will remote staff manage crowds and hearing disruptions?
2. Will there be overflow accommodations at remote sites?
3. Will there be dedicated security staff at remote sites?

Information Technology

1. How will remote testimony sign-up technology interface with the CSI technology currently used?
2. What is the appropriate response when a remote connection is lost? Should the hearing be postponed or continued until the connection is restored?
3. Who will be responsible for toggling from remote site to remote site within a hearing?
4. At the remote site, who will be responsible for toggling from bill to bill or from hearing to hearing?
5. Will testimony from remote sites be recorded by audio only, or will it be recorded by video?
6. Will TVW be able to record remote testimony?
7. Will there be on-campus tech support for remote sites?
8. Will remote testimony be used when committees have hearings somewhere other than the JAC hearing rooms?