



How To Testifying Remotely in the 2021 Montana Legislature

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Montana Legislature is allowing the public to testify on bills remotely during the 2021 legislative session. The Legislature has set up a form on their website where you can pick the bill you wish to weigh in on and sign up to give remote testimony over Zoom.

To sign up, you can go to leg.mt.gov/public-testimony and follow the instructions below:

1. First you must select the bill you are testifying about from the drop down menu. Bills scheduled for a hearing in the next 3 days will be listed. If the bill you are testifying on is scheduled later than that, you'll have to come back closer to the day of the hearing. **You must sign up to testify by noon the day before the hearing.**
2. Next, you will enter if you are supporting or opposing the bill, your personal information.
3. Then you will have the option to either upload supporting documents or write a brief written comment. **It's important to note that you must include some written comments to summarize your testimony, in case there are technical issues that prevent you from commenting over Zoom.**
4. Next, you will need to select "Yes" if you want to testify over Zoom, and select if you will be joining by computer or by phone.
5. Finally, you will click submit and your testimony will be scheduled for the committee you selected.