



How To Testify Remotely in the 2023 Montana Legislature

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Montana Legislature will continue to allow the public to testify on bills remotely during the 2023 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 to sign-up to give remote testimony over Zoom.

To sign up, visit: 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 FOUR 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 5:00PM the day BEFORE the hearing.**
2. Next, you will enter if you are *supporting* or *opposing* the bill and then need to enter 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.
6. **Be ready to testify on the date/time of the hearing! We recommend logging on at least TEN minutes before the hearing!**