

Testifying, Supporting, and Observing Hearings on Bills

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General guidance on testifying or registering a position at:

House: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/House>;

Senate: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSI/Senate>

- Each week, Lonnie will brief the working group clerks on upcoming committee meetings and issues that are relevant to our legislative priorities.
- Following that meeting an email will go out to your working group advising of upcoming opportunities to observe a committee meeting.
 - Please note, any of us can find out about upcoming committee meetings at: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules>.
 - We should sign up for email alerts from the committees where our priority bills are being heard.
- Your working group is designating people to testify remotely or in writing for Quaker Voice on each of our priority areas and bills. Contact your working group clerk to find out who these people are.
 - Each testifier should contact Lonnie ASAP for training/orientation to giving testimony if they have not already been oriented. Lonnie's tips for testimony are posted in the Take Action section of quakervoicewa.org.
 - For each planned testimony, the person should send a written version of a two-minute presentation to Lonnie, Susan, and their working group clerk at least two days before the testimony, if that timing is at all possible.
 - Lonnie, Susan, and the working group clerk should all clear the testimony. In emergency, the working group clerk can do this on their own.
 - The testifier should sign in to testify when that opportunity opens but no later than one hour before the committee meeting. Note that you may or may not be called on to testify but you can submit the written testimony whether or not you speak.
- Any of us can sign in to have our position noted for the record by choosing that option on the sign-in page. You may say that you are a member of Quaker Voice when you do that, but only on bills that are on the "support" list for one of the working groups.
- Any of us can attend a committee meeting to observe. Lonnie would like to know that you are doing that to help set her priorities in attending. Please take notes for a short report on what you learn there, including:
 - a) What groups supported in testimony
 - b) What groups opposed in testimony
 - c) Their key points
 - d) Questions/statements made by the committee membersSend the notes immediately after the meeting to Lonnie, Susan, and your working group clerk.
- You can also comment on a bill at any time on the bill's information page.
- Of course, you can always testify, support or oppose, or comment on any bill as an individual or for another group, but please do not mention Quaker Voice except on our established priorities.