
How to Submit Written Testimony for A Texas State House Committee Meeting

Submit written testimony to a Texas House committee by using the online House Witness Registration portal while on Capitol Wi-Fi, or by submitting it electronically through the committee's public comment form. You can also drop off physical copies to the committee clerk at the hearing room or email it directly to the committee staff.

Submitting written testimony to a Texas House committee is a simple but powerful way to influence legislation, no Capitol visit required.

Why Submit Written Testimony to A State House Committee?

1. It's official - your testimony becomes part of the public record.
2. It's informative - your testimony helps legislators understand real impacts, data, and community perspectives.
3. It's accessible - anyone across Texas can participate, regardless of schedule or location.
4. It has influence - staff and members review submissions when making decisions.
5. It builds momentum - multiple submissions show widespread public support or opposition.
6. You control your message - no time limits, share your story clearly and thoughtfully.

What Is A Texas State House Committee?

A House committee is a small group of state representatives assigned to review specific bills on a particular topic, like energy or education. Committees hold public hearings, take testimony, and decide whether a bill moves forward in the legislative process.

What Is Written Testimony?

Written testimony is a statement you submit to committee members sharing your support, opposition, or concerns about a bill. It becomes part of the official public record and helps inform committee decisions.

Who Can Submit Written Testimony?

Anyone can submit written testimony - Texas residents, advocates, subject matter experts, and organizations. You do not need to be a lobbyist or testify in person to participate.

When Can You Submit Written Testimony?

During the interim period, written testimony can be submitted when a committee schedules a hearing related to an interim charge.

During the legislative session, written testimony can be submitted when a bill is scheduled for a committee hearing. Each committee sets its own deadlines, but submissions are typically accepted up until the bill is brought up in the hearing.

Step-by-Step: How to Submit Written Testimony

1. Locate the Hearing

Identify the House Committee holding the hearing via the Texas Legislature Online (TLO) website: <https://capitol.texas.gov/>

Select “Committee Meetings” on the Texas House menu.



The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online (TLO) website. The header includes the text "89th Legislature Second Called Session" and "Texas Legislature Online". The navigation bar has links for Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. Below the navigation bar, the "The Texas Legislature" section is visible. On the left, the "Texas House" menu is expanded, showing links for Home, Speaker of the House, Members, Committees, Committee Meetings (highlighted with a green circle), Committee Witnesses, Calendars, Current Amendment, Journals, News, House Research Organization, and Kids' House. The "Texas Senate" menu is also visible below it. In the center, the "Search Legislation" section shows a dropdown for "Legislature: 89(2) - 2025" and radio buttons for "Bill Number" (selected) and "Word/Phrase". There is a search input field and a "Search" button. Below this, the "Additional Searches" section lists links for Text Search, Bill Lookup, Bill Search, Amendments, Reports, View Votes, Legislative Archive, Statutes and Constitution, Administrative, and Sections Affected Code. On the right, the "Legislative Activity" section lists links for Video Broadcasts, Today's Calendars, Today's Meetings, Today's Filed Bills, and Today's Votes. Below this, the "Legislative Process" section lists links for How a Bill Becomes Law (PDF), How to Follow A Bill, Dates of Interest (PDF), Glossary, and End of Session Deadlines (PDF). At the bottom right, the "Redistricting" section lists the Texas Redistricting Website.

Then, click “Upcoming Meetings” to see what meetings are scheduled.

House Committee Meetings

- Upcoming Meetings
View house committee meetings scheduled for upcoming dates.
- Meetings for Date
View house committee meetings for a specific date. Use this option to view meeting minutes and witness lists from past meetings. This selection also allows viewing of schedules from previous legislative sessions.
 - Meetings for Committee
View house committee schedules, meeting minutes, and witness lists for a specific committee.
 - Meetings for Joint Committees
View committee schedules, meeting minutes, and witness lists for a specific joint committee.
 - Bills In/Out/Referred to Committee
View bills that are in or out of committee.
- Persons with disabilities who plan to attend public meetings in the house and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or braille, are requested to contact the House Committee Coordinator at (512) 463-0850 72-hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

2. Use the Online Portal

Select the “Hearing Notice” for the upcoming committee hearing you’re interested in.

Upcoming House Committee Meetings		
Meeting Date / Committee Name	Subcommittee	Hearing Notice
Monday, April 20, 2026		
1:00 PM		
The July 2025 Flooding Events, General Investigating Type: Work Session Location: 2689 Hwy 39, Hunt, TX 78024		 
Tuesday, April 21, 2026		
9:00 AM		
Energy Resources Type: Public Hearing Location: E2.026		 

When an agenda is posted, use the public comment link on the committee's page to submit comments electronically.

Global Energy Overview
Hydrogen in Texas

Texas residents who wish to electronically submit comments related to agenda items on this notice without testifying in person can do so until the hearing is adjourned by visiting:

<https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c250>

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

A live video broadcast of this hearing will be available here:

<https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/>

Instructions related to public access to the meeting location are available here: <https://house.texas.gov/committees/public-access-house-committee-meetings/>

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See Committee Coordinator for previous versions
of this notice.

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Fill out the [online form](#) with your personal information - add your comments in the comment box at the bottom of the form. *Note: You are only representing yourself when you submit written comments, so please put "Self" in the representing section.*

**House Public Comment**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The purpose of this form is to aid Texas residents in electronically submitting public comments to House committees on measures or matters included on public hearing notices. There may be strict deadlines for submitting comments for a particular measure or matter. You should consult the bottom of the public hearing notice for details.

Comments submitted using this form will be distributed to members of the respective House committee and **made publicly available on House and legislative websites**. The House of Representatives does not accept responsibility for the content of comments submitted using this form.

Contact information

Texas ▾

If representing yourself, please enter "self" and your occupation

Comments regarding

Bill number

Bills and Topics *

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Submit

3. Tips to Submit

During the legislative session: Identify the bill and clearly state the bill number, whether you are FOR, AGAINST, or ON (neutral) it, and your name/organization.

Always: Be clear and concise. If you have long, detailed remarks, focus on summarizing key points for the committee, but you can submit longer written documents. Focus on how the legislation/interim charge will directly impact you, your business, or your community.

Taking the Next Step: Contacting Legislators Directly

Submitting testimony is powerful, and reaching out directly to your own elected officials can have an even greater impact. Legislators prioritize messages from their constituents, and personal outreach helps reinforce your position on an issue before, during, and after a hearing.

How to Contact Your Legislators

1. Identify Your Representatives

Find out who your Texas State Representative and Texas State Senators are by searching your home address on the Texas Legislature website, or <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>.

2. Contact Their Offices

You can reach out by:

- Email (best for documentation)
- Phone call
- Office contact form on their website

Example Message to Your Legislators

Hello,

I am your constituent writing about ____.

I am concerned / I support _____. Personal connection and story.

Thank you for your time and for representing our community.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

What Happens After A Public Hearing?

After a hearing, and during the legislative session, the committee can take several actions on a bill:

- Leave it pending: The bill is held for further consideration.
- Vote it out of committee: The bill moves forward to the full House for debate.
- Take no action: The bill may stall and not move forward.

Even after the hearing, and especially during the interim, advocacy matters. Legislators continue reviewing testimony, negotiating changes, and deciding next steps, so following up with their offices can help influence the final outcome.

Get Involved With the Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter

If you want to stay in the loop about our work and advocacy efforts across Texas, or if you have any questions about how to submit written testimony, email us at lonestar.chapter@sierraclub.org.