

COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GUIDE TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

Welcome to the Colorado Capitol Building and the committee meetings of the Senate and House of Representatives. We thank you for your interest and participation in this public process. Please contact the sergeant-at-arms with any questions.

In order to ensure decorum and a civil environment in which public testimony on legislation is enhanced and not disrupted, we ask that you please observe the following rules.

Sign-up sheet: Members of the public are welcome to address the committee when the chair asks for public testimony. If you wish to comment or testify on a bill, there is a sign-up sheet for the public prior to the start of the hearing. This is usually located on the table where legislators are seated or near the committee room entrance.

Decorum: It is inappropriate to cheer, boo, talk, or applaud in a committee meeting. Rallies, protests, and demonstrations in a committee meeting are not allowed.

Signs, placards, banners: Signs, placards, banners, pins, or other display materials are not allowed in a committee meeting.

Clothing: Clothing that displays a conspicuous statement in support of or in opposition to any legislation before the committee will not be allowed in the committee room.

Audio/Video recording: The committee chairman may require that persons making video or audio recordings do so from a specified area or areas in the committee room in order to avoid a disturbance or blocking public access.

Cell phones: Please turn off your cell phone as it may be disruptive of the proceedings and interfere with the audio system.

Food and drink: No food or drink, other than bottled water, is allowed in the committee rooms.

A committee chairman may request a sergeant-at-arms to remove a person who is impeding, disrupting, or hindering a committee meeting or who endangers any member, officer, or employee of the General Assembly or any member of the public.

See: Colo. const. art. V, sec.12; Sections 2-2-404, 18-9-106, 18-9-108, 18-9-110 C.R.S.; House Rule 25 (j)(1)(H).

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Direct any messages to members to the sergeant-at-arms.

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