

Chair Warner and members of the House Committee on Rules,

I'm writing in support of HB 2560.

One of the many things we've learned from managing the distance required by the pandemic, is to use technology to shorten the distance. Let's continue that practice!

Virtual testimony makes it possible for more people, including me, to be involved with decision-making processes. Formerly, in-person access required devoting most of a day to negotiate freeways, traffic, parking, security screening, and finding the right hearing room. Now I have the option to focus, log in, express my thoughts, watch the hearing, and spend the rest of the day on other important tasks such as pruning, planting and tending the crops.

As well, virtual testimony makes it possible for you to hear from more of your constituents, representing a greater diversity of viewpoints. Of course you know that already. It's important.

For the good of our state, please make the virtual access points permanent.

Thank you,
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