

Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod and members of the committee:

I urge you to support HB 2560. There are so many more opportunities for citizens to participate in the legislative process with a continuation of the system you have been using this session. Folks from all over Oregon can watch the hearings and work sessions, understand the bills and submit testimony. For many reasons, many people cannot travel to Salem from far-flung corners of the state for an hour or two of hearings, often in the middle of a work week. Also, it is much less intimidating to testify on-line, than appearing in person. This bill would make our legislative process much more inclusive, transparent and democratic.

Thank you.

Kathy Lincoln