

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. The ability to participate in the hearing process is crucial to a strong democracy, and we certainly need to do whatever we can to strengthen our in Oregon. We already have admirable voter registration and balloting practices, but we need to make legislative hearings accessible without journeying to Salem every time. We have the (ever-improving) technology now. One of the unexpected side-effects of the COVID pandemic has been the increased participation of the citizenry in the legislative process. Let's keep that.