

House Committee on Rules
February 28, 2021
Re: HB 2560

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

HB 2560 is an excellent bill.. There are so many reasons that make it difficult to attend public hearings and other meetings, sometimes when they are of the utmost importance to an individual. Some folks don't drive or can't or don't drive at night. Counties sometimes have hearings in the evenings. Sometimes one has serious obligations that prevent attendance at an important meeting when virtual attendance would be possible. Oregon is such a big state with many areas that are sparsely populated ,often making drives prohibitively long to attend important meetings or hearings. This bill the truly a "democratic" bill which will make the public participation that is so crucial to our democracy more accessible to many many Oregonians.

I strongly support its passage.
Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling