

SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES - 2025

The following guidelines are suggested to allow for efficiency regarding how The Conservation Committee will be conducted and how bills will be heard. These Guidelines may be updated so individuals coming before SCON are encouraged to check them throughout the legislative session.

1. Start time and Subcommittee: SCONC begins at 9am unless otherwise announced by the Chair. If a quorum is not present at the start time, SCONC will hear the matter on the agenda as Subcommittee, and official action will be taken once a quorum is present. There will be scheduled weekend meetings as needed.
2. Lengthy Amendments and Committee Substitutes: To give SCONC members and analyst sufficient time to review legislation bill sponsors shall submit lengthy amendments and proposed committee substitute bills to SCONC at least 24 hours in advance of a hearing. Lengthy amendments and proposed committee substitute bills should be emailed to SCONC.comm1@nmlegis.gov

Public Comment and Rules for Debate

To best manage the presentation and debate of legislation, including by remote and video conferencing, the following procedures are adopted for SCONC except as otherwise modified.

1. Emailed Public Comment: To ensure everyone has a full opportunity to express an opinion on legislation under consideration, we have established an e-mailbox where written comments of up to 300 words may be emailed in advance of an SCONC Committee meeting. Comments should be emailed to SCONC.zoom@nmlegis.gov Committee members will be provided with these after committee hearings.

Sponsors are encouraged to use 10 minutes to present the bill. Sponsors should organize their presentation with as many experts or speakers as they wish. Sponsors shall identify their speakers and the order of speaking in writing to SCONC Committee Secretary in advance of the scheduled hearing.

2. General support and opposition will be recognized by the chair.
3. Proponents will have 10 minutes for organized support as provided by the sponsor. People attending in the audience will have priority and a few members utilizing zoom.
4. Opponents will have 10 minutes as well following the above guidelines.