

2025 SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

To best manage the presentation and debate of legislation the Senate Judiciary Committee shall follow these procedures except when otherwise modified for specific legislation:

1. Emailed Public Comments. Given limited time constraints, and yet to assure a reasonable opportunity to receive public opinion on legislation, a SJC mailbox is established to receive written public comments up to 300 words in advance of SJC meetings. In contrast to spoken comments during hearings, emailed public statements assist committee members and staff attorneys to better identify issues in advance and prepare SJC amendments. This procedure also avoids having the Chairman arbitrarily select from among those who wish to speak. Public comments should be emailed to SJC.Zoom@nmlegis.gov. Committee members will be encouraged to review these public comments prior to committee hearings.
2. Sponsor/Proponents. Legislation sponsors, their experts and proponents, shall have a total of 15 minutes to present and advocate for the proposed legislation. Sponsors may reserve any part of their 15 minutes for a rebuttal after

opposition to the legislation. Sponsors shall organize their presentation with as many experts or other speakers they wish within these time constraints. The sponsors shall designate those to speak, the order of speakers, and shall limit and interrupt their own speakers as necessary to meet the total time constraints. Persons wishing to speak in support of legislation shall coordinate with the legislative sponsors. Sponsors shall deliver to the SJC Secretary a list in writing and identifying their speakers in the order of speaking. At least 1 hour in advance of the scheduled committee start. The SJC staff can then anticipate any speakers appearing by remote video and coordinate any exhibits and proposed amendments.

3. Coordinated Opposition. SJC recommends opponents of legislation organize behind a designated spokesperson to coordinate one or more speakers or experts in opposition. A coordinated presentation of opposition allows a more thorough opportunity to identify complex issues in depth, encourages opponents to organize, and avoids redundancy. Whenever a coordinated opposition exists a list of persons to be recognized, in order, and any exhibits or proposed amendments, shall be submitted in writing to the SJC Secretary at least 1 hour before the scheduled committee

start. A coordinated opposition shall have up to 15 minutes total for opposition including any experts. A designated spokesperson shall coordinate and manage the time of all speakers in opposition.

If no designated spokesperson and no coordinated opposition is timely identified, the Chair will allow up to 10 minutes of opposition comments with each speaker limited to 1 minute. Persons wishing to speak in opposition to legislation shall sign-in with the SJC Secretary at least 1 hour before the scheduled committee start.

4. Rebuttal by sponsor. After hearing opposition sponsors who reserved any part of their time may rebut opposition up to that reserved time.
5. Recognition of supporting/opposing organizations. Any lobbyist, or other agency may ask to have the name of their client or organization read in with either support or opposition of the legislation. The sign-in for this input shall be received in writing up to 1 hour before the SJC scheduled committee start time.
6. Forms. To facilitate these procedures, forms and sign-in

lists are available in the SJC Office.