

Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Information

Meeting times and locations. The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. It also occasionally meets on Wednesday mornings upon adjournment of the full Senate. The committee's designated meeting room is Senate Committee Room 352, on the third floor of the State Capitol Building, located at 200 East Colfax Ave, in Denver. Occasionally, the committee meets in a different room to accommodate larger crowds or the needs of other committees. Changes to the committee's regular schedule are generally announced on the Senate floor prior to adjournment.

Committee hearings. Committee meetings are broadcast over the Internet. Interested persons who are not able to attend a meeting in person can listen live over the internet. To access the live and archived feeds, visit:

<https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00327/Harmony/en/View/UpcomingEvents/20210211/36>.

Joint meetings. The joint rules of the House and Senate require the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the House Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources Committee to stay advised of the activities, functions, and budgets of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources, excluding the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. If needed, the committees may also meet to receive briefings on other policy issues by staff, state agencies, or other stakeholder groups, or with the Joint Budget Committee.

Testifying before the committee. Individuals who wish to testify before committees are asked to sign up prior to the start of the meeting. Individuals can sign up to testify on the General Assembly website here: <https://leg.colorado.gov/testimony>

The testimony page allows sign-ups for both remote and in-person testimony, as well as the submission of written testimony for the record. Advance sign-ups are required for remote testimony, but in-person witnesses can also sign up in person once the committee meeting has started. Written handouts are discouraged, but if a witness has handouts to distribute, please bring enough copies for all members of the committee and staff.

The chair of the committee, Senator Dylan Roberts, is responsible for overseeing public testimony and will recognize those registered in an order most conducive to the business before the committee. With rare exception, everyone who is signed up will be called to testify. Because the meetings are recorded and broadcast over the internet, individuals who are testifying are asked to wait to be recognized by the chair prior to beginning their testimony. The appropriate manner to address the committee chair is "Mister Chair." The appropriate manner to address committee members is "Senator."

Once witnesses have been recognized by the chair, they may begin their testimony by giving their name and the organization they represent, if any. Committees are subject to tight deadlines and busy schedules. As a courtesy to the legislative members as well as those in the audience waiting to testify, witnesses are asked to keep their testimony brief and relevant to the bill. At times, the chair may limit each witness to three minutes of testimony. Please do not repeat testimony that may have already been provided to the committee.

Witnesses are asked to observe professional decorum during the committee meetings. Clapping, booing, hissing, or otherwise disruptive behavior is not permitted. In addition, witnesses are asked to avoid any personal attacks or other emotional outbursts. Finally, all individuals present in the committee room are asked to silence all cell phones and electronic devices prior to the start of the meeting.

Committee staff. The Legislative Council Staff person for the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee is Julia Jackson, who is available to answer any questions regarding the committee schedule at (303) 866-4788 or julia.jackson@coleg.gov.

Committee updates. Interested persons can follow legislative committees on Twitter, username @COLCSCcommittees, for bill status updates as well as notes about committee schedule changes. The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee's hashtag is #COSenAg.