

## House Health and Insurance (H&I) Committee Information

**Meeting times and locations.** The House H&I Committee meets on Tuesday mornings upon adjournment from the House floor session and Wednesday afternoons beginning at 1:30 pm. The committee will begin 15 minutes after adjournment or unless the chair of the committee announces differently. The committee's designated meeting room is House Committee Room 0112, which is located in the basement level of the State Capitol, located at 200 East Colfax Ave, in Denver. Changes to the committee's regular schedule are generally announced on the House 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 feed, go the General Assembly's main page at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>. At the top right of the page is a 'Watch & Listen' tab that links to audio broadcasts of current proceedings under the Session Information tab. Individual archived committee hearings can be accessed by clicking on the House Committee tab and then selecting the appropriate committee.

**Joint meetings with the Senate Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee and House Public and Behavioral Health and Human Services (P&BH&HS) Committee.** The joint rules of the House and Senate require the Senate HHS, House H&I, and House P&BH&HS committees to stay advised of the activities, functions, and budgets of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Public Health and Environment. The House H&I Committee meets jointly with the Senate HHS Committee and House P&BH&HS Committee to receive briefings from these departments and the Joint Budget Committee. The committees will also meet jointly to receive briefings and other issues related to health and human services in the state. Joint meetings of the House H&I, Senate HHS, and House P&BH&HS committees will be posted in the calendar when scheduled.

**Testifying before the committee.** Individuals who wish to testify before committees are asked to sign-up prior to the start of the meeting.

During a declared public health disaster emergency, members of the public may testify remotely through the WebEx video conferencing or call-in options. Persons wishing to testify remotely must register in advance of the meeting. Registration opens when a bill is scheduled for its committee hearing. Registration will close when the committee meeting at which the bill will be heard begins. Witnesses may sign up at <https://leg.colorado.gov/testimony>.

Members of the public may submit written testimony in lieu of testifying in person at <https://leg.colorado.gov/testimony>. The option to submit written testimony will be available once a bill is scheduled for a hearing in a committee of reference and last until the committee hearing on the bill concludes. Members of the committee can access submitted written testimony through the committee's Box account.

Witnesses testifying in person who wish to provide handouts to members of the committee will be directed to distribute materials to committee members through the written testimony form on the General Assembly's website, or by emailing the committee members directly. Except when authorized by the chair, **committee staff will not handle or distribute paper handouts provided by members of the public.** Materials that are submitted through the written testimony form before and

during the bill's hearing will be attached to the committee summary as part of the official record. Materials that are directly emailed to committee members will not be attached to the committee summary.

The chair of the committee, Representative Lontine, 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 taped 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 "Madam Chair." The appropriate manner to address committee members is "Representative."

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. 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, 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 House Health and Insurance Committee is Julia Group, who is available to answer any questions regarding the committee schedule at (303) 866-4780 or [julia.group@state.co.us](mailto:julia.group@state.co.us).

**Committee updates.** Interested persons can follow the House Health and Insurance Committee on Twitter @COLCSCcommittees, #COHouHealthInsurance.