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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY 101
— PUBLIC TESTIMONY HELPSHEET —

Testimony Process

1. Show up before the committee hearing is scheduled to begin. Seats are limited, so it's important to make sure you're there early.

2. Begin your testimony by addressing the committee through the chair: "Mister/Madam Chairman and members of the committee…"

2. Introduce yourself: "My name is John Doe, and I'm a private citizen from District 11…"

3. State whether you support or oppose the legislation under consideration: "I support House Bill 58 because…"

4. Share your story. Remember: You're most likely not the expert in the room, so don't worry about stuffing your testimony with statistics and facts. However, sharing your personal feelings or experience can be powerful!

5. At the end of your testimony, you can offer to stand for questions from committee members. Always speak through the chairman; never address the committee member directly.

6. Provide written testimony to the committee secretary.

Register to testify in-person or virtually:

https://legislature.idaho.gov/resources/committeetestimony/

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