

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4621, by Representatives Mead, Rude, Tarleton, Shea, Morgan, Corry, Ryu, Graham, Pollet, Volz, Shewmake, Boehnke, Ramos, Mosbrucker, Frame, Harris, Callan, Dufault, Lovick, Walsh, Wylie, Vick, Pellicciotti, Barkis, Chapman, Caldier, Reeves, Stokesbary, Valdez, Goehner, Paul, Kraft, Ortiz-Self, Chandler, Hansen, Hoff, Entenman, Eslick, Sells, Sutherland, Walen, Ybarra, Dye, McCaslin, Van Werven, Macri, Jenkin, Kilduff, Schmick, Thai, Dent, Morris, Klippert, Peterson, Orcutt, Lekanoff, Leavitt, Maycumber, and Sullivan

1       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives has a longstanding  
2 commitment to civic engagement and public participation in the  
3 legislative process, and honors its commitment in numerous ways; and

4       WHEREAS, To facilitate communication between the public and  
5 representatives, the House of Representatives uses a toll-free  
6 hotline and an e-comment system that allow the public to provide  
7 written statements and other commentary on pending legislation; and

8       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives seeks to increase public  
9 participation, understanding, and transparency of the legislative  
10 process; and

11       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives seeks to examine options  
12 for expanding the ways in which the public can participate in the  
13 legislative process, including the feasibility of a pilot remote  
14 testimony program;

15       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That: (1) Committee hearing  
16 practices and remote testimony programs in selected legislative  
17 bodies be examined;

18       (2) Other means of citizen engagement in the legislative process  
19 be reviewed;

20       (3) Various sites and mobile options for remote testimony be  
21 assessed; and

1 (4) Technology for remote testimony in House of Representatives  
2 hearing rooms and technologies used by others for video and audio  
3 conferencing be evaluated; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That information on options and  
5 recommendations for a pilot remote testimony program during the 2020  
6 legislative session, including estimated costs of resources for  
7 start-up and operation, be developed and submitted to the Executive  
8 Rules Committee by October 1, 2019.

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10 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
11 Resolution 4621 adopted by the House of Representatives  
12 March 21, 2019

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk