

**ESSB 5267 - H AMD 485**

By Representative Van De Wege

**ADOPTED 04/15/2015**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature has a longstanding  
4 commitment to civic engagement and public participation in the  
5 legislative process and honors its commitment in numerous ways. To  
6 provide information about the legislative process and pending  
7 legislation, the legislature supports a robust web site and operates a  
8 vital information center. To facilitate communication between the  
9 public and legislators, the legislature offers a toll-free hotline and  
10 an e-comment system that allow the public to provide written  
11 statements and other commentary on pending legislation.

12 The senate intends to further this commitment through a two-year  
13 pilot project to expand the e-comment system to allow the public to  
14 provide commentary on pending legislation through prerecorded videos.

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16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The senate shall modify the e-comment  
17 system to allow the public to provide commentary on pending  
18 legislation to the members of the senate through prerecorded videos  
19 and written statements. The senate may set up parameters for  
20 submission of prerecorded videos and written statements by the  
21 public. The senate may establish procedures for timely distribution  
22 of prerecorded videos and written statements to members of the  
23 senate, as well as restrictions on distribution of prerecorded  
24 videos and written statements containing inappropriate content.

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26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as the  
27 "accessible legislative commentary act."

1        NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires June 30, 2017."

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3        Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Strikes the underlying bill. States the Legislature's commitment to civic engagement and public participation in the legislative process. Establishes a two-year pilot project in the Senate to expand the e-comment system to allow the public to provide commentary on pending legislation through prerecorded videos.

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