



Disability
Collective
Legislative Action
● Toolkit

Toolkit for Action on Legislative Bills

The Disability Collective Legislative Toolkit was created to provide community members with a disability with options on how to engage with their state legislative elected officials.

Interested in a specific bill and feel strongly in support or opposed? Unsure on how to email your elected official? Want to know how to watch a committee hearing?

All of the answers to those questions, plus more are included in this toolkit.

- How You Can Take Action
- Template Email for Contacting Legislators
- Video– How to Use Request to Speak (RTS) System
- Video- How to Participate in a Virtual Committee Hearing

Take action today to ensure that your vote counts tomorrow!



How You Can Take Action

To find your Legislators: Go to this link, and enter your address:

<http://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>

- Email: Write a message of support or opposition of a bill to your legislators. Sample template included in toolkit.
- Social Media: Follow your elected officials on Twitter and Facebook. You can also social media to post your opposition or support of a bill and tag your legislators.
- Create: a Request to Speak account and file your position on a bill.

Email Template for Messages to AZ Lawmakers

Dear Senator or Representative (last name here),

I support/oppose bill (insert number) because (write reason here).

Personally, I am affected by this bill because (insert personal story)

Thank you for your time and service to Arizona.

Best regards,
(Write your name here)

Sample: Full Email Text

Dear Representative John Doe,

I oppose bill H.B. 2369 because H.B. 2369 seeks to create three new hurdles to early voting that will likely suppress the votes of Arizonans with disabilities. The three specific hurdles are:

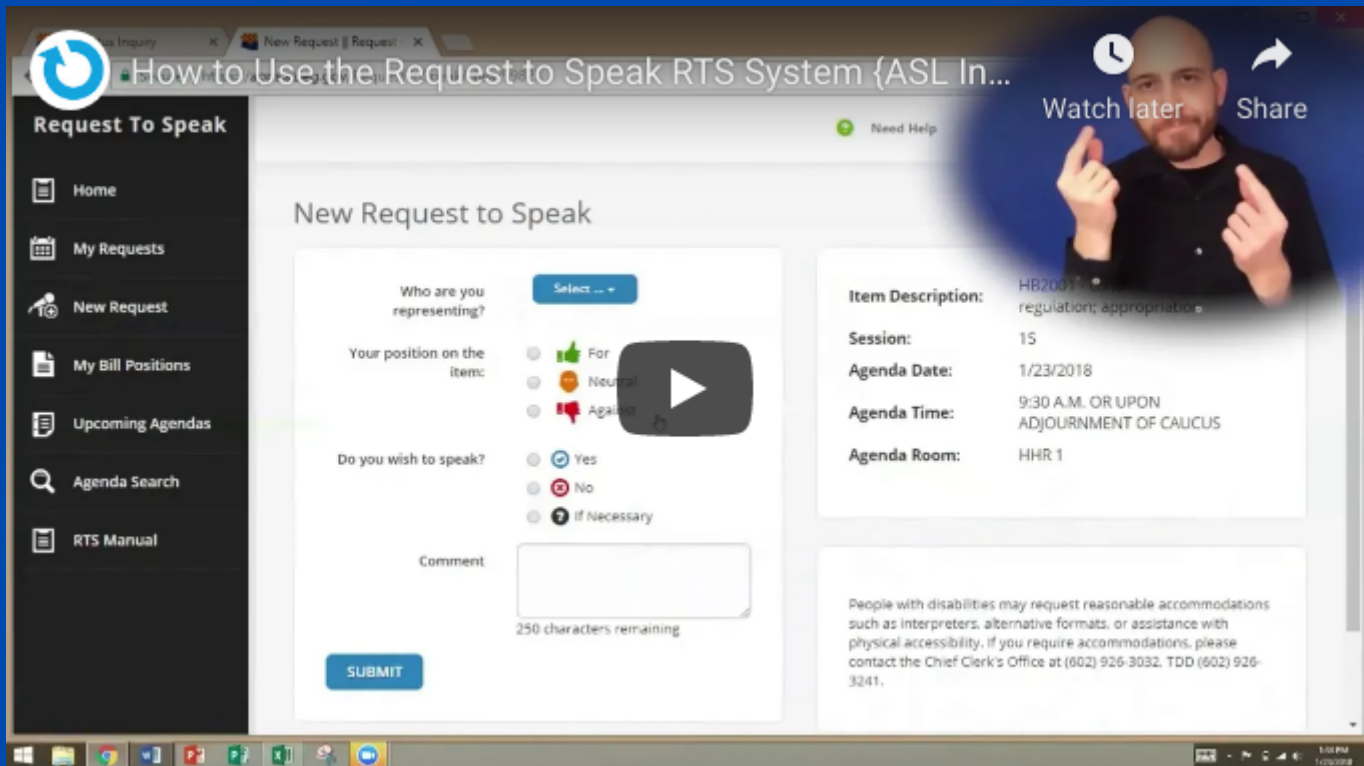
- Requiring voters to sign their early ballot affidavit in front of a notary.
- Requiring the voter or voter's agent to show ID when dropping off an early ballot.
- Eliminating the ability for family members and household members to drop off an early ballot.

Personally, I am affected by this bill because I live by myself and I do have caregivers that come in to assist me. However, they are with me only a couple hours a day. I do not feel comfortable letting them know how I vote. This bill limits my accessibility options to vote. In my opinion, the current voting process already has too many barriers for me. Please vote against this bill so I do not have to deal with additional barriers.

Thank you for your time and service to Arizona.

Best regards,
Joe Smith

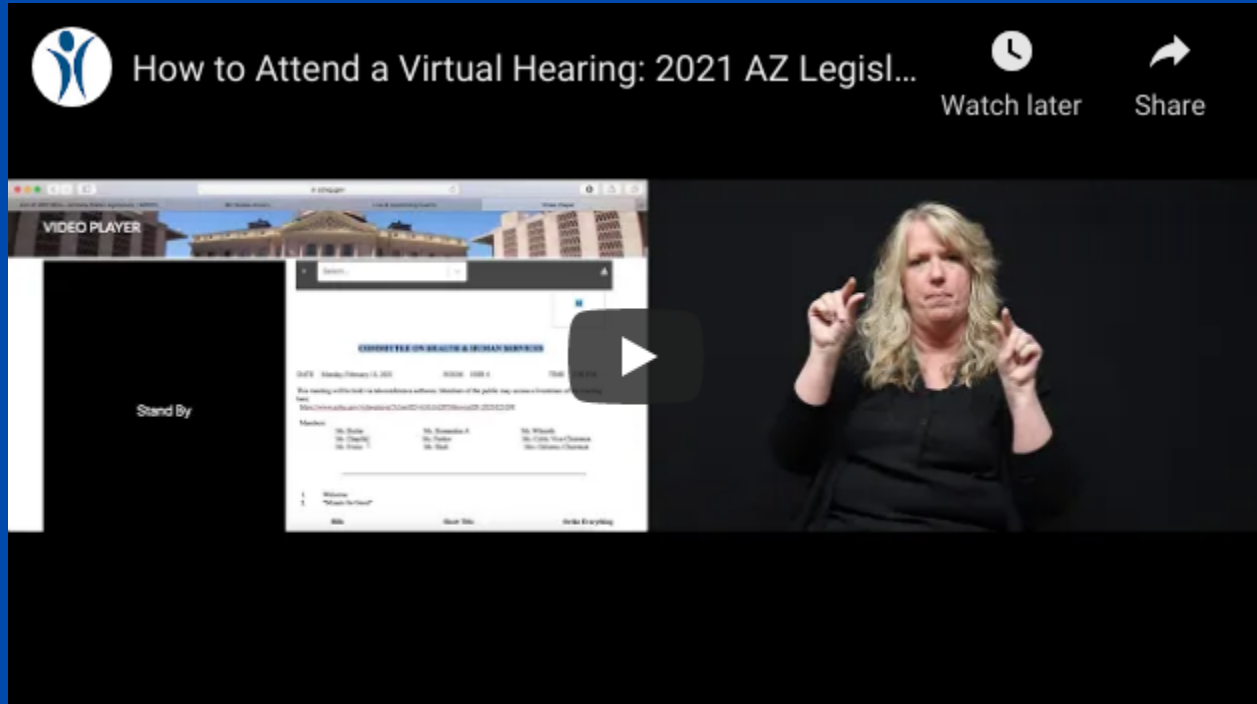
Video- How to Use Request to Speak System



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If you would need to create a new account with the Request to Speak system or you need assistance registering your position on a bill, contact the House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms at 602-926-5582

Video- How to Participate in a Virtual Hearing



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If you would like to request accommodations for a legislative procedure, such as an American Sign Language interpreter or captioning contact:

Senate Security Office at (602) 926-5319 (V)

Chief Clerk's Office (House of Representatives) at (602) 926-3032 (V)