

A-Engrossed
House Concurrent Resolution 24

Ordered by the House June 7
Including House Amendments dated June 7

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires committees and subcommittees of Senate and House of Representatives, and joint committees and subcommittees of Legislative Assembly, to accept remote testimony given by remote videoconferencing link, **if authorized by President of Senate and Speaker of House of Representatives. Upon authorization, requires committees to dedicate time to allow for video testimony on any agenda item.** Suspends rules until Legislative Administrator reports that adequate technology and infrastructure are in place to allow witnesses to go to remote locations and testify via videoconferencing link at committee meetings.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) This concurrent resolution constitutes a rule of proceeding of both the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly.

(2) Following authorization by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, committees and subcommittees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and joint committees and subcommittees of the Legislative Assembly, shall accept remote testimony via videoconferencing.

(3) Following the authorization described in subsection (2) of this rule, each committee meeting shall include a block of time to allow for video testimony on any subject that is posted on the committee agenda for the meeting. Interested remote witnesses shall indicate their interest in testifying via remote videoconferencing link by signing up at the appropriate committee website on or before the time established under subsection (4) of this rule for giving notice that a witness will testify remotely. If no notice is timely given, a committee meeting agenda need not allocate time for video testimony.

(4) The Legislative Administrator, in consultation with the Legislative Policy and Research Director, shall post instructions on the website of the Legislative Assembly that witnesses may follow to testify remotely via videoconferencing. The administrator, after consulting with the director, shall establish a minimum amount of time in advance of a hearing that witnesses must give notice of their interest in testifying remotely.

(5) Subsections (2) through (4) of this rule are suspended until the Legislative Administrator reports to the chairs of the Legislative Administration Committee that adequate technology and infrastructure are in place to allow witnesses to go to remote locations and testify via videoconferencing link at committee meetings.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.