

How to Participate in the Legislative Process via the New Online Hotline

ONLINE HOTLINE

Beginning during the 2010 Budget Session, the Wyoming Legislature will offer a new service to help Wyoming residents more actively participate in the legislative process. During the legislative session, the public can recommend support for or opposition to a particular piece of legislation by using the new "Online Hotline." In addition to expressing support for or opposition to an identified bill, members of the public will also be able to leave a short comment regarding the bill. This will be the first time the public will have the ability to leave comments about a bill using this service. Comments are limited to 140 characters. The online hotline form can be found at: http://legisweb.state.wy.us/postcomments/hotlinedisclaimer.aspx

TELEPHONE HOTLINE

For those who do not have internet access, the Wyoming Legislature will continue to offer its telephone hotline service during the 2010 budget session. Within Wyoming, the number is 1-866-996-8683 and for local callers within the Cheyenne area, the number is 307-777-8683. Callers who choose to use the telephone hotline will not be able to leave comments regarding the bill, but may express support for or opposition to the bill.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Information submitted to the Online and Telephone Hotlines will be made available to all legislators, however the mere number of recommendations received in support of or in opposition to a bill is not the only factor legislators take into account. Members may consider many items when making decisions on pending legislation. Information provided by the public through the Online Hotline and Telephone Hotline is considered public record and will be provided to any member of the public upon request.