Your Voice at the Capitol: The Request to Speak System

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Introduction

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Overview

What is RTS?
How do you sign up?
How do you effectively use RTS?
Does it make a difference?
Disclaimer

All of us are responsible for understanding our employers professional rules and ethics regarding public advocacy

Your organization may have an official role for a lobbyist and this individual or office is the only one authorized to speak officially on behalf of your organization

When & under what conditions can you speak on behalf of your employer; when you can provide expert testimony etc.

RTS can be used in your personal, individual capacity as an Arizona citizen
What is RTS?
Request to Speak

- Your voice at the state capitol
- Website for bill feedback and bill tracking
  
  apps.azleg.gov
AZ Legislature Applications

Please select an application below:

- Request to Speak
- Bill Status Inquiry
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### My Requests

**Session**: 2020 - Fifty-fourth Legislature - Second Regular Session

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**Actions**: Update, Delete
Request To Speak

My Requests

My Bill Positions

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Request to Speak Topic Search

Please use the following search criteria to find the topic you would like to speak on.

- **Legislative Body**
  - Senate
  - House
  - Both

- **Session**
  - 2020 - Fifty-fourth Legislature - Second Regular Session

- **Committee**
  - Select a committee...

- **Search Phrase**
Enter bill number, bill description, nominee name, or topic

SEARCH
Request To Speak

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- **Legislative Body**: Senate, House, Both
- **Session**: 2020 - Fifty-fourth Legislature - Second Regular Session
- **Committee**: Select a committee ...
- **Search Phrase**: 1209

Search Results

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New Request to Speak

Your position on the item:
- For
- Neutral
- Against

Do you wish to speak?
- Yes
- No
- If Necessary

Comment

SUBMIT

250 characters remaining
Do you wish to speak IN PERSON e.g., provide committee testimony. Select YES only if you are planning and committed to attend the hearing.

If you say NO your position and comment are still recorded.

IF NECESSARY, use if going with a group (e.g. maybe 1 or 2 of you speak, not all depending on time), communicate with committee chair.
Not required. 250 characters only! Write the most important part in the first sentence.
Additional Tips

Your position & comment are part of the public record

RTS can only be used when a bill is in committee.

Want to leave feedback on a bill not yet assigned to committee? You can do that via “My Bill Positions.”
Additional Tips

You can edit or delete your RTS positions.

If editing, must say why

Edit Bill Position

Your position on the item:
- ☑️ For
- ⬤ Neutral
- ☠️ Against

Change Comment
Please indicate your reason for this change...

UPDATE
How do you sign up?
Get Signed Up

You can sign up today!

Register as a lobbyist (need to be registered with SOS and use SOS#) or as an individual (self)

Accounts can be created and validated at one time in person here at the Capitol (kiosks outside House or Senate Chambers) OR at the Tucson legislative office

A group will meet during the lunch break @ 12:15 pm to go sign-up
Get Signed Up

Can’t sign up today?

Contact an advocacy organization who is at the capitol regularly or contact your state representative or senator and ask them to help you sign up
Get Signed Up

Name, Email, Password

Under profile, add if you are a registered voter in Arizona

That’s it!
How do you effectively use RTS?
Leverage Resources

Sign up for a legislative alert! If you are an organization that tracks bills, send legislative alert newsletters

RTS as a team or group

Set a schedule
Does it make a difference?
Questions?