

HOUSE BILL No. 2564

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to legislative meetings;
2 requiring certain duties of the committee chairperson regarding written
3 testimony in certain circumstances; providing an exception for citizens
4 presenting testimony.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) The duties of the chairperson of each committee that
8 has adopted a rule that requires individuals or organizations that request to
9 present verbal or written testimony to the committee to submit written
10 testimony to the chairperson or committee assistant prior to the committee
11 meeting that such individuals or organizations request to present such
12 testimony shall include a requirement that the chairperson provide such
13 written testimony to the vice-chairperson and ranking minority member of
14 the committee. Such testimony shall be provided to the vice-chairperson
15 and ranking minority member 24 hours before the committee meeting, or
16 at least the same time period before the committee meeting that the
17 chairperson requires testimony to be submitted to the chairperson or
18 committee assistant, whichever is earlier.

19 (b) No chairperson shall require a citizen of Kansas who is testifying
20 before the committee on such citizen's own behalf to provide written
21 testimony to the chairperson or committee assistant prior to the meeting
22 that the citizen requests to present verbal or written testimony.

23 (c) For the purposes of this section, "committee" means any standing
24 committee, subcommittee, conference committee, interim committee or
25 any committee that is established by law or by the presiding officer of
26 either legislative chamber.

27 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the statute book.