**Submitting Public Comment to Texas House Committees**

**10-Minute Meeting Script**

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| 5 minutes | 1. **Public comments**
* Use PPT and/or handout to explain to attendees why public comment is so important.
	+ These comments give legislators on a committee hard proof of where constituents stand on issues. ​
	+ A way to provide your thoughts on bills without having to go to the Capitol.
	+ Comments stay on the record.
* Online form that you can use to submit written comments to House committees on various bills. Refer to QR code.
* Tips for writing your comment
	+ Focus on facts.
	+ Describe how the issue impacts your classroom, your students, your job, etc.
	+ Be specific about what you want them to do.
	+ Be passionate while also being polite and professional.
	+ End with a thank you.
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| 4 minutes | 1. **Write draft comments**
* Have attendees write public comment about a bill currently open for comment *(if applicable)*.

(*Check the Texas AFT Legislative Hotline ahead of the meeting for any current bills open to comment.)* |
| 1 minute | 1. **Commitment**
* Ask attendees to make a commitment to write at least one public comment this session.
* Ask for at least 2-3 volunteers who will follow the Hotline and alert others when important bills open for comment.
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