

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/pbc/bill/1428>

I wanted to pass along some helpful links you can share with your readers/viewers/listeners so they can better participate in the mostly remote 2021 Legislative Session.

- **Submit written testimony:** People can also submit written testimony on any bill scheduled for a public hearing. People have long been able to submit written comment on a bill, but prior to this year, those comments were sent directly to the constituent's own legislators. The new written testimony system saves comments where committee members and staff can access and read it, and where committee staff will later place it in the committee file and archive it where it will be maintained as part of the public record.
 - Written testimony can be submitted at the same links used to sign-in for public testimony above.
- **Set up a Zoom with your legislator:** Due to Covid-19 protocols, legislators won't be meeting in person with constituents, but people are encouraged to schedule Zoom meetings with their senators and representatives.
 - To find your legislator's contact information and schedule a meeting: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/MemberEmail/>
- **It's all on TVW:** As always, every committee meeting, floor session, press conference and special event will be broadcast at TVW.org.

Thank you in advance for sharing this information. There will of course be a few bumps along the way, and we are all looking forward to returning to in-person business as soon as possible, but we have worked hard over the interim to get to this point, and made some innovations to increase participation and transparency, especially in the area of universal remote testimony. [Here's an article from Crosscut with some more info.](#)

This proposed act creates mandatory Auto Insurance language that will require an insurer pay the reasonable and necessary costs for repairs at the claimants chosen repair facility and those repairs shall be based on repair specifications, procedures and instructions provided by the vehicle Manufactures engineers. Protect consumer's rights to have their vehicles repaired to factory standards at a repair shop of their choice. 5 star crash ratings mean safer cars and auto repair shops are legally liable to repair a vehicle in a safe manner however many insurers don't want to pay these required repair procedures due to cost. Consumer Safety should come first, auto repair shops should not be arbitrarily limited by the insurance industry who has no liability. Insurer cell-phone apps collect photos from consumers but only acknowledge surface damage, many consumers are unknowingly driving unsafe vehicle. This bill requires insurers to play fairly and put consumer safety first