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POLICY ON PUBLIC VIDEO CAMERAS

HOUSE COMMITTEES AND INTERIM MEETINGS

Pursuant to House Rule 18(e), "The chairman of the committee shall maintain order and decorum..."

Members of the public are permitted to hold cameras and video or audio-recording devices to record or photograph meetings unobtrusively from their seats or from the back of the committee room, provided such recording does not disrupt the meeting proceedings.

Consistent with the *Media Guidelines* published jointly by the House and Senate Clerks' offices, photographers and videographers are prohibited from:

- Conducting interviews with members in the committee or subcommittee rooms during meetings;
- Blocking any aisle or exit;
- Blocking any view of the podium or speaker;
- Blocking access or impeding the work of legislative staff;
- Setting up artificial light; or
- Using flash photography

Microphones and recording devices may not be placed on tables in the subcommittee rooms or committee diases, but may be placed on podiums, where such exist, as long as the placement and removal of such devices does not obstruct any member's view of the podium or speaker, impede the work of legislative staff, or otherwise disrupt the proceedings of the meeting.

Audio "mult" boxes are located in the House Committee Rooms for the use of credentialed media.
