

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY

HOW-TO & TIPS

CONTACTING LEGISLATORS

TIPS

- Let them know who you are and where you're from
- Keep it short, to the point, and personal
- See if you can get insight into how they make their decisions
- You can refer to how our diocese/ denomination has registered on the bill or views a topic

YOUR LEGISLATORS

- House Representative
- Senator
- <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- For a particular bill, reach out to members of the sub-committee and full committee
- <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees>

WAYS TO CONNECT

IN PERSON

- Visit the Capitol when in-session
- Public entrances: ground floor, on the south and west sides of the building
- From ground level, go up 2 floors to the legislative chambers
- Fill out a note requesting to see a legislator, hand it to a page
- If the legislator is in and available they'll come out to meet with you

EMAIL & PHONE

- See tips above
- Leave your contact information so they can get back in touch with you

SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS

- Members of the public can speak at subcommittee hearings, either in-person or online via Zoom
- See agenda for Zoom details

REFERENCE

- See how the diocese has registered on a bill
- We're always in line with The Episcopal Church
- Search "Client": Episcopal Diocese of Iowa
- <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/lobbyist/reports/declarations>

