

Rules For Conferees
2013
Kansas Senate
Committee on Education

1. The Chairman reserves the right to limit testimony. No conferee will be allowed to “yield” their time to another conferee.
2. Anyone wishing to testify before the Committee shall contact the Committee Assistant, Erna Fabert 785-296-7381, a minimum of 24 hours before the meeting.
3. All conferees shall have written testimony and shall provide 30 copies to the committee secretary 24 hours in advance of the hearing or make arrangements for said copies.
4. All cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices, in the committee room shall be in “silent” mode and talking on cell phones in the committee room will not be permitted. Photography (including cell phones), video recording, audio recording or transmitting of proceedings shall not interfere with the members, staff, the conferees or others in the room.
5. No food will be allowed in the committee room by guests, spectators, or conferees.
6. Conferees shall introduce themselves, identify on whose behalf they are appearing, identify whether they are a proponent, opponent, or neutral on the bill and as briefly as possible, state the reasons for their position.
7. Conferees shall address their remarks during testimony to committee members and staff only.
8. The Chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature or testimony that is, in the judgment of the Chair, not relevant to the matter under consideration.
9. Testimony shall relate to the subject matter of the measure under consideration. Conferees testifying on unrelated subjects will be admonished and if unrelated testimony continues, the Chair will terminate that conferee’s testimony.
10. While the taking of testimony is not preceded with the formality of an oath, by appearing before the committee every conferee hereby certifies that his or her testimony is truthful, based upon facts that are capable of verification and offered in good faith. Conferees shall promptly bring to the committee’s attention any qualifications of corrections in their testimony.
11. The Chairman reserves the right to take such action as necessary to stop/prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.