

HB 1380 Testimony  
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

The discrimination against those who are unable to use or afford online or computer services or have the skills needed to track all what happens in their government and county meetings is double hurtful in rural or isolated county communities.

The people rely on their local county newspapers to keep them advised of what is "coming down the pike" and that goes unmentioned in formal minutes by people who are reluctant to step up against hidden agendas for the decisions made in these meetings.

Rural life has been successful in building this state and the fine communities within it.

Don't let the sly fox manage, live in, and report on the chicken house.

Give them the basic knowledge in an easy-to-understand format, supplied by one or more of the members of their own community,

Thank you for supporting the local newspaper reporting and publication of county commission meetings.

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