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REPRESENTATIVE DAVE TALERICO Administrative Procedure Act

Sponsor Statement for House Bill 190

This legislation changes the Administrative Procedure Act to allow for oral testimony when requested by individuals. In a time of informational technology and the vast geography of the state, it is time to update this particular public proceedings law. On the date and at the time and place designated in the notice the agency shall give each interested persons or person's authorized representative, the opportunity to present orally to that agency about regulation changes. This includes regulations being adopted, amended, or repealed. This does not include emergency regulations that are adopted for emergency purposes.

Currently, state agencies and boards are required to give notice about regulation changes but they are not required to listen to oral testimony and sometimes only written testimony will be accepted.

This legislation requires the agency or board to provide an opportunity to give a verbal testimony *when requested*. This verbal testimony can be taken telephonically at the time and place designated by the agency or board.

Please contact Rep. Dave Talerico office at 465-2847 for further information.