How To: Watch Senate Meetings in 2021

Before You Begin:

In order to leave a comment for a committee/subcommittee meeting you should know:

→ What bill it is you’re looking for
→ What chamber it’s in – House or Senate
→ If the bill is in committee or subcommittee

This information should be provided to you in an Action Alert email. For this example, we will be using bill SSB 1193.

To Watch a Senate Meeting (6 Steps):

1. Go to the Iowa Legislature website: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/
2. Click on the “Committees & Schedules” tab that is located along the top of the web page.

3. Click the “Meetings” link on the left-hand sidebar, under “Schedules”.
4. This page is where you can select which chamber and location the bill you are looking for is in.

   → **If you click the “Daily” link**, you will see whatever meetings are happening that day.
   
   → **If you click the “2 Weeks” link**, you will see whatever meetings are happening in that chamber for the next two weeks.

*We know bill SSB 1193 originated in the Senate, and that it is going to subcommittee from the Action Alert email. So, we will click the “Senate: 2 Weeks” link under the “Subcommittees on Bills” title.*
My screen now looks like this:

After scrolling down, I can see that the committee meeting is at 1 pm by looking at the date column.

5. Click the “Agenda” link on the right side of the screen to see the meeting information. Your screen should show information for a public zoom meeting.
6. **Click the zoom link** and watch the meeting from this place. In Senate subcommittee meetings you can make comments live throughout the zoom.

Congratulations—you’ve just made an impact on the policies involving mental health in Iowa. Thank you so much for your advocacy!