The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education shares the following information regarding public testimony for HB 111.

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The Alaska House Education Committee will be hearing invited and public testimony on HB 111 - An Act relating to public school children who are deaf or hard of hearing - on April 23rd and April 25th. The hearings will begin at 8:00am both days and can be viewed by clicking here and then following the link for the Education Committee meeting.

You may provide public testimony for this bill by calling the following numbers:
From Anchorage prefixes: 907-563-9085
All other prefixes: 884-586-9085

You may also provide public testimony through the following Microsoft Teams link:
Click here to join the meeting
Meeting ID: 238 398 149 981
Passcode: VsqUdF

American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters will be available to assist with testimony both online and in person.

Written testimony may also be provided to the committee by sending an email to: House.Education@akleg.gov

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