

Appendix G: Post-Session Worksheets

Post Session Evaluation

What have you learned?

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Who can introduce a bill in the legislature?

Which chambers must pass a bill before it becomes a law?

Who has veto power over a bill?

What happens if a bill is vetoed? Is there any way to bypass a veto?

How can the public influence the lawmaking process?

How can political parties influence the lawmaking process?

How can lobbyists or lobby groups influence the lawmaking process?

Appendix G: Post-Session Worksheets - Answer Key

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What have you learned?

Who can come up with the idea for a bill?

Anyone - ideas can come from an individual, a state agency, a legislator, a lobby group, etc

Who can introduce a bill in the legislature?

Only a Senator or Representative

Which chambers must pass a bill before it becomes a law?

House and Senate

Who has veto power over a bill?

The Governor

What happens if a bill is vetoed? Is there any way to bypass a veto?

The bill is stopped from becoming a law, unless a 2/3rds majority of House/Senate members vote to pass it anyway

How can the public influence the lawmaking process?

Testifying on a bill in a committee (in person, in writing, online), being part of a lobby group or organization, speaking to their legislators about ideas they have, initiating a referendum process

How can political parties influence the lawmaking process?

Having a 'platform' to guide decision making, strategically planning actions on the floor, etc.

How can lobbyists or lobby groups influence the lawmaking process?

Sharing information to interested groups to build more testimony about a bill, holding rallies, showing support or opposition in large groups.

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Post Session Reflection Worksheet



What did you think?

The main idea of the bill I introduced / testified on / researched was:

What I think about this bill:

I think the people who would be interested in this bill are:

I would guess this bill passed / did not pass

because:

I noticed

I thought this part of the bill-to-law process was hardest:

because:

I thought this part of the bill-to-law process was easiest:

because: