

Positions on Legislation

Our purpose is not to determine what is good or bad policy. Our purpose is to ensure that the policies that are adopted by the Legislature work well for practitioners, the public, and the courts.



Support – This position is appropriate when you have determined that (1) the bill meets GR 12.2; (2) the bill is of sufficient importance that it warrants your comment/input; and (3) the executive committee supports the proposal.



Concerns – This position is appropriate when you have determined that (1) the bill meets GR 12.2; (2) the bill is of sufficient importance that it warrants your comment/input; and (3) implementation of the proposed policy is problematic for one or more reasons.



Opposed As Drafted -- **Use this sparingly.** This position is appropriate when you have determined that (1) the bill meets GR 12.2; (2) the bill is of sufficient importance that it warrants your comment/input; (3) the concerns you have about the execution of the proposal and/or the proposed policy change itself are so significant that the executive committee agrees that merely expressing concerns is not sufficient; HOWEVER, (4) it assumes that that your concerns can be fixed. (Follow up documentation/testimony? See “Opposed” below.)



Opposed – This is the strongest position you can take – **Use this only when you cannot use “oppose as drafted”**. This position is appropriate when you have determined that (1) the bill meets GR 12.2; (2) the bill is of sufficient importance that it warrants your comment/input; (3) the concerns you have about the execution of the proposal and/or the proposed policy change itself are so significant that the executive committee agrees that merely expressing concerns is not sufficient; and (4) it assumes that that your concerns cannot be fixed.

No Position – This position is appropriate when (1) you are not able to reach 75% agreement that the bill meets GR 12.2; OR (2) you agree it meets GR 12.1 but is not of sufficient importance that it warrants your comment/input; OR (3) you are not able to reach 75% agreement on a position.