

Legislator Devices Survey Results

Legislators were asked to provide information on the devices they bring with them for Session to understand how they use them and gain insight into whether supplying a device for them was an option worth pursuing. Following is a summary of the responses and an interpretation of the results.

- We had a response rate of 40% with 60 legislators completing the survey out of 150 invitations sent. Survey professionals consider this a good response rate and a reliable representative of the whole.
- Among those who brought laptops, two-thirds were Microsoft Windows-based versus Apple, and Android/Chromebooks coming in at a mere 3%.
- Sixty percent bring Apple iPhone mobile devices compared to thirty percent of Android.
- Most respondents (82%) believe their devices meet the current minimum standards put forth by OLIS.
- More than half (57%) say they have adequate security features; however, many (43%) say they do not or don't know.
- Most use these device as expected – Internet, Teams, email, web conferencing, bill lookup, MCA searches, remote voting, and printing.
- The MCA – Folio application was only used by ten of the sixty respondents (17%), though that number jumps to 30% when asked if they would use it next session.
- When asked if they would prefer to bring their own devices or be given one, four out of five chose the BYOD (bring your own device) option.
- Almost a third of them (28%), however, said they would need financial assistance to purchase a new device.

Given these results, OLIS recommends the following:

- 1) Continue with the current BYOD option.
- 2) Limit support to two (2) devices per legislator.
- 3) Continue to offer the technology stipend in the Constituent Services Allowance.