

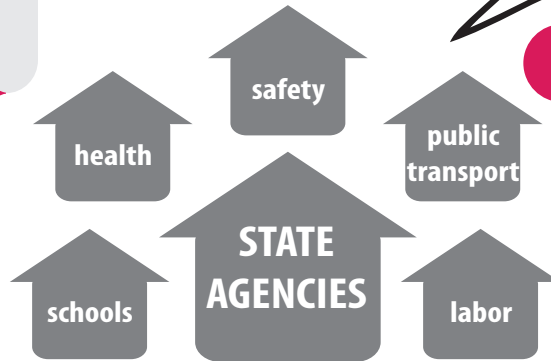
The State Budget Process may seem complicated, but it's important to know how it happens. Once a budget takes effect, it becomes law for two years, and impacts much of our daily lives. Become part of the process and make your voice heard!

Here's how it works...



September(ish)

1 Governor reviews budget requests and prepares the budget.



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February(ish)

2 Joint Finance Committee (JFC) holds public hearings on the proposed budget.



This is an important opportunity for PUBLIC input!

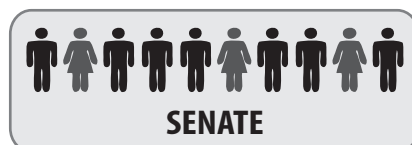
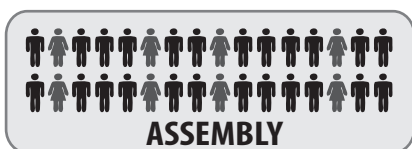
5 Governor reviews budget & signs it into law.

Governor can also cross out words or sections of the bill using line-item veto power. With enough votes (2/3rds majority), the legislature could add those parts back in.

June(ish)

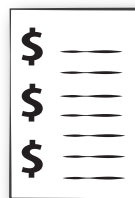


4 Both Senate & Assembly must pass the same version of the bill; otherwise, the Conference Committee meets to sort out the differences.



ASSEMBLY + SENATE = LEGISLATURE

3 JFC proposes new version of the budget bill.



The JFC is bipartisan and is made up of 16 legislators - half from Senate; half from Assembly.

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