

JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS
THE GOVERNOR'S BIENNIAL BUDGET
February 17th, 18th, 19th and 23rd
Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Committee on Taxation

Click on the Following link to determine which initiatives are heard on which day and information on the finding and using the budget document:

http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/schedule_agendas/index.htm

For members of the public wishing to provide oral testimony:

- Plan your testimony to be 3 minutes or less – your *written* submittal can be as long as you want.
- If you want to give the committees any written materials, submit **40 copies** to the committee clerk for distribution.
- Written testimony or back-up materials should include your name.
- Fill in the sign-up sheet. The sheets will be located either at a table in the hallway outside of the committee room or at the clerk's desk inside the committee room. Sign-ups will begin at 9:00 am for the morning hearings and 12:00 noon for the afternoon hearings. There will be no sign-ups after 5:00 pm though testimony will continue until everyone who has signed up has been called upon.
- Please print your name on the sheet as neatly as possible. This makes it easier for the Chairs to pronounce your name which will make it easier to know when your name is being called.
- If you are speaking on behalf of a group of people who wish to stand at the podium with you, please note the number after your name (e.g. Jane Doe (3))
- There will be a separate sign-up for the morning and afternoon hearing blocks on the 17th, and 19th. Make sure you sign up on the correct sheet. There is no morning block on the 18th so there will be only an afternoon sign-up sheet on that day. There is only one hearing block on Monday the 23rd that will begin in the morning (and likely last well into the afternoon) so there will be only one sign-up sheet on that day.
- The Welcome Center has been reserved for “overflow.” If the AFA committee room is full you will be asked to wait there and listen to the proceedings. *The Chairs may periodically ask those not waiting to speak to go to the Welcome Center to listen to the proceedings. This will allow other interested parties a chance to attend the proceedings in person. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and cooperation.*

- When it's approaching your time to speak, the Chairs will call your name. *Please note that the Chairs may, at their discretion, call a name out of order to ensure that they have heard testimony all of the topics within a hearing block noted on the sign-up sheets or to accommodate special needs. If your name was called out of order and you were not able to respond, it will be re-called in its normal sequence.*
- The Chairs will periodically announce the next few speakers to give those waiting in the Welcome Center a chance to get to the committee room.
- When it's your turn to speak give the committee clerk any written materials you want distributed. The clerk will be to your right as you face the committee.

If you do not want to give oral testimony but want to express your opinion:

Come to the 2nd floor of the State House on the day of the hearing, fill out a "Comment Sheet" and put it in the specially marked box. The box will be at the "sign-up table" outside of the committee room or the table just inside the committee room.

Or send an e-mail to marianne.macmaster@legislature.maine.gov and she will forward your comments to the committee members.

Or mail your comments to: AFA Committee, 5 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333

Thank you for your interest and participation.