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Legislature Announces Joint Budget Hearing Schedule

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Senate Finance Committee Chair Catharine M. Young and Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair Herman D. Farrell, Jr. have announced the [Joint Legislative Hearing Schedule](#) on the 2017-2018 Executive Budget proposal.

These hearings, each of which focuses on a programmatic area, are intended to provide the appropriate legislative committees with public input on the Executive Budget proposal. The hearings will be available for viewing on the [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) websites. The Legislative

Channel (on **cable systems** throughout the state) also will carry the proceedings, which will be preempted when the houses are in session. At the conclusion of the legislative deliberations, the channel will resume televised coverage of the hearings.

In accordance with the schedule, the hearings will commence on Tuesday, January 24, and conclude on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The respective state agency or department heads will begin testimony each day, followed by witnesses who have signed up to testify on that area of the budget. Those that have signed up to testify must limit comments to no more than 10 minutes.

Requests to testify must be made by contacting the appropriate person listed on the **schedule** no later than the close of business, two business days prior to the respective hearing. Because of time constraints only a limited number of witnesses can be accommodated at any given hearing. For each individual testifying before the committees, it is required that 50 copies of their written testimony be provided to the registration desk at each respective hearing.

The agency and the departmental portion of the hearings are provided for in Article 7, Section 3 of the Constitution and Article 2, Section 31 of the Legislative Law. The state Legislature is also soliciting public comment on the proposed budget pursuant to Article 2, Section 32-a of the Legislative Law.

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2017-2018 Joint Legislative Budget Public Hearings Schedule

(Hearings to be held in Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, Albany)

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| January 24 | Tuesday | 9:30 AM | Higher Education | Clinton Freeman 455-5491 |
| January 25 | Wednesday | 10:00 AM | Workforce Development | Jessica Jeune 455- 3573 |
| January 30 | Monday | 10:00 AM | Local Government Officials/General Government | Clinton Freeman 455-5491 |
| January 31 | Tuesday | 9:30 AM | Public Protection | Jessica Jeune 455- 3573 |
| February 1 | Wednesday | 9:30 AM | Economic Development | Jessica Jeune 455- 3573 |
| February 6 | Monday | 1:00 PM | Mental Hygiene | Jessica Jeune 455- 3573 |
| February 7 | Tuesday | 9:30 AM | Taxes | Clinton Freeman 455-5491 |

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| February 8 | Wednesday | 9:30 AM | Human Services | Clinton Freeman 455-5491 |
| February 13 | Monday | 9:30 AM | Environmental Conservation | Jessica Jeune 455- 3573 |
| February 14 | Tuesday | 9:30 AM | Elementary&Secondary Education | Clinton Freeman 455-5491 |
| February 15 | Wednesday | 9:30 AM | Transportation | Clinton Freeman 455-5491 |
| February 16 | Thursday | 9:30 AM | Health/Medicaid | Jessica Jeune 455- 3573 |
| February 17 | Friday | 9:30 AM | Housing | Clinton Freeman 455-5491 |