



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Legislature Announces Joint Budget Hearing Schedule (View Testimony Here)

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Albany - Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger and Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair Helene E. Weinstein today announced the [Joint Legislative Hearing Schedule](#) on the 2019-2020 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 Wednesday, January 23, and conclude on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. The respective state agency or department heads will begin testimony each day, followed by witnesses who have requested to testify on that area of the budget. Those scheduled to testify must limit comments to no more than 5 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.

Witnesses scheduled by the committees to testify in person are required to send a copy of their prepared testimony via email at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing to both financechair@nysenate.gov and to wamchair@nyassembly.gov, and must provide 50 copies of their testimony on the day of the hearing. Please indicate in the subject field of the email which hearing your testimony relates to. Witnesses may not be permitted to testify if the above time frames are not adhered to. Witnesses also are encouraged to summarize their key points and submit the rest of their testimony in writing only.

Due to time constraints related to provisions of the New York State Constitution concerning the approval of the state budget by April 1st, only a limited number of witnesses can be accommodated at any given hearing. However, any party may still provide written testimony to the committees at the above email addresses, at any time up until seven (7) days after the date of the 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.

Click on the links in the schedule below to view archived video and written testimony from hearings that have already taken place.

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Note: [Click here to view Hearing Schedule](#)

2019-2020 Joint Legislative Budget Public Hearings Schedule

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

January 23	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Environmental Conservation	Mitzi Hart 518-455-2297
January 24	Thursday	9:30 AM	Human Services	Clinton Freeman 518-455-5462
January 28	Monday	11:00 AM	Higher Education	Clinton Freeman 518-455-5462

January 29	Tuesday	9:30 AM	Public Protection	Mitzi Hart 518-455-2297
January 30	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Transportation	Clinton Freeman 518-455-5462
February 4	Monday	11:00 AM	Housing	Clinton Freeman 518-455-5462
		3:00 PM	Workforce Development	Mitzi Hart 518-455-2297
February 5	Tuesday	9:30 AM	Health/Medicaid	Mitzi Hart 518-455-2297
February 6	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Elementary&Secondary Education	Clinton Freeman 518-455-5462
February 7	Thursday	9:30 AM	Mental Hygiene	Mitzi Hart 518-455-2297
February 11	Monday	11:00 AM	Local Government Officials/General Government	Clinton Freeman 518-455-5462

February 12	Tuesday	9:30 AM	Economic Development	Mitzi Hart 518-455-2297
		1:30 PM	Taxes	Clinton Freeman 518-455-54623