

Budget Timeline

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July 9- September 15

Department directors and agency heads initiate detailed reviews and develop budget proposals for their programs. These requests for program changes are then sent to the Department of Finance for review.

October - January 10

The Governor evaluates the requests as reviewed by the Department of Finance and sends his or her proposed budget to the Legislature. On or before January 10, the Governor delivers a state-of-the-state speech and proposes his/her budget

January- February

The budget committee chairs in each house introduce the governor's budget proposal in bill form on January 10. The Legislative Analyst prepares an extensive review of the budget bill.

March- May

Each house refers its budget bill to their respective budget committees. The bills are then broken down by subject and assigned to the appropriate subcommittees by subject areas. After completion of the hearings, each subcommittee votes and then sends its report to the full budget committee.

Late May- June 15

The budget committee of each house considers the subcommittees' reports and sends a revised budget bill to the floor for evaluation by the full body. Each house discusses and then votes on its version of the budget bill. The differences between the Assembly and Senate versions of the budget bill are worked out in a conference committee made up of three members from each house. Upon completion of its review, the conference committee submits a single version of the budget bill to both houses. The Senate and Assembly each vote on this final version before it is sent to the Governor.

The houses also vote on trailer bills if statutory changes are necessary to implement provisions of the budget bill.

June 15- July 1

The bill becomes law as soon as it is signed by the Governor due to its status as an urgency measure.