

2024 Legislative and Budget Calendar Review March - June

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January and February 2024 – New Bills

In our LPPC meeting in January, we talked about what the legislators would be doing between January and February. Here is what they did:

- The Assembly introduced 1,505 new bills
- The Senate introduced 619 new bills

March, April and May 2024 – Bill Hearings

- March and April are when the Senate and Assembly hold policy committee hearings.
- This is important because these hearings always give the public a chance to speak about why they like or dislike a bill. This is called testifying and the legislators' vote will be influenced by what the public shares
- Each bill will pass or fail.

February - April 2024 Budget Hearings

- The Senate and the Assembly each have their own Budget committee. Each Budget committee has five or six sub-committees.
- The sub-committees began hearings in February to hear about what is happening in the state budget and the requests of individual departments. Hearings will continue through the end of March.
- The next step will be hearings with each of the full budget committees in April.
- Knowing about the Budget is important because they make decisions that impact the services our community receives.

May and June 2024 – Legislature's Budget

- On May 15th The Governor will update his January budget. This budget is called the Governor's May Revise. He updates the January budget proposal based on how well this year's budget looks, the question is does it look better or worse than in January?
- The Senate and Assembly will review these updates and vote on what they want, based on their February and March sub-committee hearings.
- June 15th is the deadline for the Legislature to give the Governor their updated budget. The new budget begins when the Governor signs the Legislature's budget, no later than July 1st.
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QUESTIONS?

