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Next Step: Senate Finance will Hear from Agencies

With public hearings complete, process moves forward

SEA members showed up in force at all 3 public hearings held by the Senate Finance Committee this past week. Their testimony and their presence gives the committee a clear view of what we feel are the most troublesome parts of this budget.

The process moves forward now, as Senate Finance will hear from the agency heads next week. In addition, this Tuesday will be revenue day as well, as the LBA, the House and the Governor's office will be giving Senate Ways & Means committee a briefing on revenue estimates.

Here is the FINANCE schedule for the week:

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009

FINANCE, Room 100, State House
Sen. D'Allesandro (C), Sen. Janeway (VC), Sen. Larsen, Sen. Hassan, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Odell

AGENCY PRESENTATIONS ON THE BUDGET:

- 9:00 a.m. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- 11:00 a.m. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- 12:00 p.m. BREAK
- 12:30 p.m. DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES
- 1:00 p.m. TREASURY
- 1:30 p.m. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009

AGENCY PRESENTATIONS ON THE BUDGET:

- 10:30 a.m. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
- 11:30 a.m. FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT
- 12:00 p.m. BREAK
- 12:30 p.m. DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
- 1:30 p.m. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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Finance Thursday, April 23rd cont...

2:30 p.m. **RETIREMENT SYSTEM**
3:30 p.m. **RACING AND CHARITABLE
GAMING COMMISSION**
4:30 p.m. **OFFICE OF ENERGY AND
PLANNING**

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

FINANCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. D'Allesandro (C), Sen. Janeway (VC), Sen.
Larsen, Sen. Hassan, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Gallus,
Sen. Odell

AGENCY PRESENTATIONS ON THE BUDGET:

9:00 a.m. **JUDICIAL BRANCH**
10:00 a.m. **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**
11:00 a.m. **DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS**
12:00 p.m. **BREAK**
12:30 p.m. **JUDICIAL COUNCIL**
1:00 p.m. **LIQUOR COMMISSION**
2:00 p.m. **BOARD OF TAX & LAND
APPEALS**

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009

FINANCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. D'Allesandro (C), Sen. Janeway (VC), Sen.
Larsen, Sen. Hassan, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Gallus,
Sen. Odell

AGENCY PRESENTATIONS ON THE BUDGET:

9:00 a.m. **DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
10:00 a.m. **DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
11:00 a.m. **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
12:00 p.m. **BREAK**
12:30 p.m. **UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE**
1:00 p.m. **COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

After the full Senate Finance hears from the agencies they will then move in to 2 weeks of Division work before they come back together in the second half of May. Then, they will complete their work as a full committee and will vote out a recommended budget on May 28th.

Fiscal Committee Wants a Second Look at Plan Change

At this month's Legislative Fiscal Committee meeting, Sen. Lou D'Allesandro requested that Administrative Services czars Linda Hogdon and Monica Ciolfi be present at the committee's May 15th meeting. D'Allesandro and the committee want a more in-depth presentation on the changes that Admin Services asked them to make to the medical and prescription coverage changes they made a month ago for state retirees. Citing calls and concerns from active and retired state employees, Sen. D'Allesandro has expressed that the changes they approved were not of the neutral type for retirees that Hodgdon and Ciolfi led them to believe.

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Bills to Watch Next Week in the Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 101, LOB

3:15 p.m. **HB 587-FN**, establishing an information and analysis center within the department of safety.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 100, SH
Sen. Odell (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Janeway,
Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Gilmour, Sen. Downing

10:15 a.m. **Revenue estimate hearings to Senate Ways and Means Committee from the Chair, House Ways & Means; Commissioner, Department of Revenue Administration; LBA and the Governor's Office.**

Bills to Watch Next Week in the House

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

ELECTION LAW, Room 308 LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **CACR 9**, relating to term of office. Providing that beginning with the 2012 general election, there shall be a 4-year term of office for governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

1:15 p.m. Executive session on **SB 64-FN**, relative to increasing dental hygienist membership on the board of dental examiners, and establishing a **SB 131**, relative to state hiring of veterans, **SB 145-**

FN, relative to service on the retirement system board of trustees for certain board members, **SB 160-FN**, relative to benefits of dependents of a group II retirement system member who is killed or dies in the performance of duty, **SB 165-FN**, relative to fire equipment service certification.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 540-FN-A**, relative to fees for motor vehicle records.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:30 a.m. Rescheduled executive session on **CACR 9**, relating to term of office. Providing that beginning with the 2012 general election, there shall be a 4-year term of office for governor.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **SB 202-FN-L**, relative to employee candidate background checks by municipalities.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:15 a.m. **SB 178**, relative to the operation of the special school district for the education of eligible offenders held in facilities operated by the department of corrections, and establishing the director of community corrections position in the department of corrections.
11:00 a.m. **SB 132**, establishing a commission to develop implementation plans for merging state agencies and programs to enhance efficiency and lower costs.