

Ohio's Biennial Budget Overview



Governor: End of January

- The Governor must propose budget recommendations before the end of January
- By the end of March, the "As Introduced" budget is introduced into the Ohio House

Ohio House: February to April

- The Ohio House Finance Committee and its subcommittees hear testimony from state agencies and, later, public organizations and individuals
- As the committee hears testimony, they will create and vote on changes (amendments) to the bill

Ohio House: February to April

- The full Finance Committee makes final changes and votes on the new bill
- The Finance Committee submits the new bill to the full Ohio House
- The entire Ohio House votes on the budget and makes changes if needed

Ohio House: February to April

- The full Finance Committee reviews a new version (a "sub bill") with all the subcommittees' recommendations
- The full Finance Committee holds hearings on the new version of the bill

Ohio Senate: April to June

- The Senate will repeat the process the House uses, just in an abbreviated time with fewer hearings
- Once out of committee, the full Senate will debate needed changes and vote on the bill

Conference Committee: June

- Members of both the House and Senate make up the Conference Committee, which reviews the budget and reconciles the major differences between the House and Senate
- There is no opportunity for testimony during Conference Committee
- The Conference Committee makes a final report which the full House and Senate must accept or reject without additional changes

Governor's Veto: By June 30th

- The governor can veto specific line items, but cannot add or change anything
- The governor must sign the budget by June 30th so it make take effect on July 1st

