

Budget Process Overview and 2009 Session Time Line  
August 1, 2008

2008

- May-June Directors submit budget issue requests for Senior Leadership Team review, discussion and coordination. Divisions submit substantive legislative proposals for Legislative Review Team discussion and recommendations; Executive Director completes review and approval of proposed substantive legislative proposals.
- Aug Executive Director completes review and approval of new budget issues and potential reduction issues.
- Sept Commission Meeting: approval of potential reductions and proposed budget issues; approval of substantive legislative proposals. Agency budget office prepares the Legislative Budget Request (LBR). LBR is submitted to Governor, House & Senate by October 15.
- Nov General Election – Nov. 4. Organizational Session – Nov. 18: Senate President and House Speaker are elected; new legislators are sworn in.
- Oct-Dec The Governor prepares his budget recommendations. Committee meetings tentatively held in December. Directors submit amendment requests to the Executive Director. December Commission Meeting: review significant LBR amendments and additional substantive proposals.

2009

- Jan-Feb Governor's Recommendations are submitted to House & Senate. House & Senate hold committee meetings to discuss proposed budgets and substantive bills. LBR is amended if needed.
- March 2009 Session starts March 3. House & Senate budget subcommittees continue meetings. Proposed committee bills (PCBs) are filed and heard by appropriations committees. Appropriations bills are filed and sent to the full House & Senate. Substantive committees continue meeting.
- April House & Senate pass their respective appropriations bills. The Legislature appoints a conference committee to work out differences and create a single, conference appropriations bill. The Legislature passes the conference appropriations bill. Substantive committees meet until mid-April. House & Senate are on the Floor full-time during last two weeks of Session.
- May-June Regular Session ends May 1. Governor may veto selected budget line items. Governor releases the approved budget. For substantive bills, Governor must approve or veto whole bill (no line item veto).