

2013 Session Time Line and Budget Process Overview
July 30, 2012

2012

- May-July Directors prepare budget issue requests for review, discussion and coordination. Divisions/Offices submit substantive legislative proposals for Legislative Review Team discussion; Executive Director completes review and approval of proposed substantive legislative proposals.
- August Executive Director completes review and approval of new budget issues and potential reduction issues.
- Sept Commission Meeting, Sept. 5-6: approval of potential reductions and proposed budget issues; approval of substantive legislative proposals. Agency budget office prepares the Legislative Budget Request (LBR).
- Oct-Dec LBR is submitted to Governor, House and Senate by Oct. 15. The Governor prepares his budget recommendations. Directors submit budget amendment requests to the Executive Director. Commission Meeting, Dec. 5-6: review significant LBR amendments and additional substantive proposals (if any). Elections, Nov 6; Legislature's Organizational Session, Nov. 20; House and Senate may tentatively hold committee meetings in December.

2013

- Jan-Feb Governor's Budget Recommendations are submitted to the House and Senate 30 days prior to Legislative Session. House and Senate hold committee meetings to discuss proposed budgets and substantive bills. LBR is amended if needed.
- March 2013 Session starts March 5. House and Senate budget committees continue meetings. Proposed appropriations committee bills (PCBs) are filed and heard by budget committees. Appropriations bills are filed and sent to the full House and Senate. Substantive committees continue to meet.
- April House and 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 late-April. House and Senate are on the Floor full-time during last two weeks of Session.
- May-June Session ends May 3. Governor may veto selected budget line items. Governor releases the approved budget. For substantive bills, Governor must approve or veto the whole bill (no line item veto). Governor has seven days to act on a bill when received during Session; 15 days after Session.