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They're Spending YOUR Money!

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Dear Friends,

They're your tax dollars, so everyone should care about how they are spent. **This WILL impact you as they are spending your money!** The following note comes from the Senate President's Office talking about the LONG list of demands for funding,

*"In total, the Senate submitted over 300 requests with a total funding requested of over **\$5 billion**. The House had over 900 requests with a total of **\$30 billion** of requested funding. As you know, our Ways and Means Co-Chairs framework states that we will have **\$780 million** to spend on these requests so we have a lot of work to do to prioritize these requests."*

Your opportunity as a citizen to weigh in with your thoughts comes in the form of several virtual meetings.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means will host virtual budget hearings in the coming weeks. Like the Redistricting Hearings, these will be organized by congressional districts.

From the desk of Johnmartin Sherman Lewis, Communications Director of Senate President's Office we have the following information about testifying:

The agendas for these meetings have now been posted to OLIS. This means constituents can now submit written testimony and sign up to provide live testimony, which may be limited to 2 minutes per person.

Here are the dates for each meeting, with agendas linked to each congressional district:

District 1: Wednesday, April 14 - 5:30-7:30 pm

District 2: Saturday, April 17 – 1:00-3:00 pm

District 3: Wednesday, April 21 - 5:30-7:30 pm

District 4: Thursday, April 22 - 5:30-7:30 pm

District 5: Saturday, April 24 – 1:00-3:00 pm

LFO has posted SB 5555, a blank bill, solely so that members of the public can submit written testimony. This bill will not be scheduled for a vote.

Below are instructions to pass along to constituents on how to submit written testimony and register for live testimony. Newsletter content and an informational graphic is also attached to this email, for your use.

Written Testimony

Testimony will be accepted up to 24 hours after the start time of the public hearing. Testimony is uploaded to OLIS as part of the legislative record and made publicly available.

To submit testimony electronically, go to:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Testimony/JWM>

To submit testimony by mail, send to:

Ways and Means, 900 State Street NE, Room H-178, Salem, OR 97301

Oral Testimony (Live Remotely)

Registration is required to testify by phone or video link. Registration closes at the time the meeting is scheduled to begin.

To register electronically, go to:

District 1: https://survey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3gEVis1CKyJQFgi

District 2: https://survey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9AHDgxQGeJVMkoC

District 3: https://survey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4PGQ17iFvpyxnPo

District 4: https://survey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9EJCb3HDL9DYi2

District 5: https://survey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJT6e1ZhpsjQyrA

If you need assistance with electronic registration, call: 1-833-698-1371

Thank you.

Johnmartin Sherman-Lewis
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Please check it out (the links have all the information)!



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