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**Session Week 2 Report
Budget Week**



Week 2 Budget Week Reports

This week, the Georgia General Assembly met throughout the week to listen to presentations from state departments and other agencies that receive state funding to discuss Governor Kemp's \$32.5 billion spending proposal for the upcoming year. Leading the meetings were Senator Blake Tillery, Chairman of Senate Appropriations, and Representative Matt Hatchett, Chairman of House Appropriations. No Legislative Days were used this week, but Speaker Burns announced Chairmanship assignments for House Committees, so the Georgia General Assembly will be ready to hit the ground running for Legislative Days 5-8 next week.

Governor's Budget

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget reflects Governor Kemp's emphasis on supporting Georgia's educational system, with more than \$1.1 billion in funding for K-12 education, and \$303 million earmarked for salary increases for teachers and other certified personnel. This would include raises of \$2,000 next budget year. Governor Kemp also proposed \$61.2 million to the state's HOPE scholarship program, allowing full-time students to save an average of \$444 each year. Also included in the Governor's Budget Report was \$15 million in grant funds to encourage paraprofessionals to pursue teaching certification, \$115 million in AFY 2023 for \$50,000 school safety grants to every K-12 school in the state, and \$25 million for learning loss grants for schools to tailor programs fit to their unique needs. Additionally, \$1 billion is proposed to provide a second state income tax refund to every eligible taxpayer in Georgia, and \$1.1 billion is proposed for a one-time Homeowner Tax Relief Grant program. This would provide property tax relief of, on average, \$500 for every eligible homeowner in Georgia.

Follow this link to read the Governor's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Recommendations:

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23572108-fy-2024-governors-report-final>

House Committee Assignments

House Committee assignments were announced by the office of Speaker of the House Jon Burns this week. Here is a list of Standing House Committees and their Chairs for the 2023 Legislative Session:

- Rep. Robert Dickey (R-145) will serve as chair of the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee.
- Rep. Matt Hatchett (R-155) will serve as chair of the Appropriations Committee.
- Rep. Noel Williams Jr. (R-148) will serve as chair of the Banks & Banking Committee.
- Rep. Steven Meeks (R-178) will serve as chair of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee.
- Rep. Bill Yearta (R-152) will serve as chair of the Code Revision Committee.
- Rep. Kasey Carpenter (R-4) will serve as chair of the Creative Arts & Entertainment Committee.
- Rep. Josh Bonner (R-73) will serve as chair of the Defense & Veterans Affairs Committee.
- Rep. Ron Stephens (R-164) will serve as chair of the Economic Development & Tourism Committee.
- Rep. Chris Erwin (R-32) will serve as chair of the Education Committee.
- Rep. Don Parsons (R-44) will serve as chair of the Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee.
- Rep. Buddy DeLoach (R-167) will serve as chair of the Ethics Committee.
- Rep. Trey Rhodes (R-124) will serve as chair of the Game, Fish & Parks Committee.
- Rep. John LaHood (R-175) will serve as chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee.
- Rep. Lee Hawkins (R-27) will serve as chair of the Health Committee.
- Rep. Chuck Martin (R-49) will serve as chair of the Higher Education Committee.
- Rep. Jesse Petrea (R-166) will serve as chair of the Human Relations & Aging Committee.
- Rep. Bill Werkheiser (R-157) will serve as chair of the Industry & Labor Committee.
- Rep. Steve Tarvin (R-2) will serve as chair of the Information & Audits Committee.
- Rep. Eddie Lumsden (R-12) will serve as chair of the Insurance Committee.
- Rep. Mark Newton (R-127) will serve as chair of the Interstate Cooperation Committee.
- Rep. Beth Camp (R-135) will serve as chair of the Intragovernmental Coordination Committee.

- Rep. Stan Gunter (R-8) will serve as chair of the Judiciary Committee.
- Rep. Tyler Paul Smith (R-18) will serve as chair of the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.
- Rep. Mandi Ballinger (R-23) will serve as chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee.
- Rep. Deborah Silcox (R-53) will serve as chair of the MARTOC Committee.
- Rep. John Corbett (R-174) will serve as chair of the Motor Vehicles Committee.
- Rep. Lynn Smith (R-70) will serve as chair of the Natural Resources & Environment Committee.
- Rep. Sharon Cooper (R-45) will serve as chair of the Public Health Committee.
- Rep. J Collins (R-71) will serve as chair of the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee.
- Rep. Rob Leverett (R-123) will serve as chair of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee.
- Rep. Alan Powell (R-33) will serve as chair of the Regulated Industries Committee.
- Rep. John Carson (R-46) will serve as chair of the Retirement Committee.
- Rep. Richard Smith (R-139) will serve as chair of the Rules Committee.
- Rep. Mike Cheokas (R-151) will serve as chair of the Small Business Development Committee.
- Rep. Butch Parrish (R-158) will serve as chair of the Special Committee on Healthcare.
- Rep. Steven Sainz (R-180) will serve as chair of the Special Rules Committee.
- Rep. Karen Mathiak (R-74) will serve as chair of the State Planning & Community Affairs Committee.
- Rep. Gerald Greene (R-154) will serve as chair of the State Properties Committee.
- Rep. Todd Jones (R-25) will serve as chair of the Technology and Infrastructure Innovation Committee.
- Rep. Rick Jasperse (R-11) will serve as chair of the Transportation Committee.
- Rep. Brian Prince (D-132) will serve as chair of the Urban Affairs Committee.
- Rep. Shaw Blackmon (R-146) will serve as chair of the Ways & Means Committee.

Recordings for Budget Week

January 17th

Joint Appropriations Committee: <https://vimeo.com/790107779>

Joint Appropriations Committee: <https://vimeo.com/780830067>

January 18th

Joint Appropriations Committee: <https://vimeo.com/790501726>

Joint Appropriations Committee: <https://vimeo.com/790218615>

January 19th

Joint Appropriations Committee: <https://vimeo.com/790874058>

Joint Appropriations Committee: <https://vimeo.com/790584525>

Appropriations - Human Resources: <https://vimeo.com/790904618>

Appropriations - Transportation & Infrastructure: <https://vimeo.com/786995757>

Appropriations - Higher Ed: <https://vimeo.com/781584015>

Appropriations - Public Safety: <https://vimeo.com/769543037>

January 20th

Appropriations - General Government: <https://vimeo.com/790937511>