

DDS Legislative Update – February 9, 2009

The Appropriations Committee will hold state agency budget presentations and Public Hearings on state agency budgets beginning Monday, February 9, 2009 and continuing through Monday, February 23, 2009.

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is scheduled to present on Friday, February 20, 2009 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in Room 2D of the Legislative Office Building.

For the public wishing to testify on the DDS budget, there will be a Public Hearing on Friday, February 20, 2009 beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB.

The Appropriations Committee has provided the following instructions for persons wishing to testify at this Public Hearing:

Public speaker order for the public hearings will be determined by a lottery system. **Lottery numbers will be drawn from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the LOB Atrium and from 10:15 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Room 2700 of the LOB.** The list of speakers registered through the lottery system will be posted outside the designated hearing room two hours prior to the start of the public hearing. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list.

On February 20th, the Committee will provide a separate sign-up sheet for persons with special needs. Those speakers will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. The Committee chairs will alternate between the special needs list and the standard list until the special needs list has been exhausted.

Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes of testimony. Please submit 35 copies of written testimony at the time of sign-up. Testimony delivered after the start of a hearing may not be distributed until the following day. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

In addition to DDS, testimony will be heard at the Friday, February 20, 2009 Public Hearing on the following state agencies:

Department of Public Health,
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Office of HealthCare Access
Psychiatric Security Review Board
Office of the Medical Examiner
Department of Veterans Affairs