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House of Representatives substitute budget bill likely to be released next week; CCAO to release special Statehouse Report as analysis

The House substitute bill for House Bill 33 (Representative Jay Edwards), the state's main operating budget, is expected to be released early next week. Upon its release, CCAO will analyze it and send a special Statehouse Report edition highlighting the county-related changes.

As a reminder, the [February 3rd issue of the Statehouse Report](#) covered the key county provisions in the Governor's version of the budget, and the [March 31st issue of the Statehouse Report](#) covered the main amendments that CCAO is seeking to include in the House substitute bill.

Legislative Activity

Committee Hearings

With the legislature on its spring break, there were no committee hearings this week.

The following committees are currently scheduled to meet and discuss bills that may be of interest to counties. Other committees will likely meet as well but as of press time for *Statehouse Report* they have not released agendas. Please note that these schedules are subject to change.

There are two bills that may be of interest to counties that may receive a vote in committee this week. [House Bill 57](#) indexes the homestead exemption amounts to inflation and [Senate Bill 23](#) expressly permits political subdivision joint purchasing for construction services. CCAO did not take a position on [House Bill 57](#); CCAO [testified](#) in support of [Senate Bill 23](#).

If you would like to offer testimony on any bill, please visit the committee page and contact the committee chair's office for instructions on how to submit testimony.

Tuesday, April 18

[Senate Financial Institutions and Technology](#) (9:30 a.m.)

- [Senate Bill 50](#) (Senator Steve Wilson and Senator Kent Smith): To make changes the law governing 9-1-1 service and to repeal program requirements for emergency service telecommunicator training.
 - Fourth hearing, all testimony.

[House Ways and Means](#) (2:30 p.m.)

- [House Bill 57](#) (Representative Thomas Hall and Representative Steve Demetriou): To index the homestead exemption amounts to inflation.
 - Fourth hearing, all testimony.
 - **POSSIBLE VOTE.**
- [House Bill 118](#) (Representative Nick Santucci and Representative Melanie Miller): To exempt certain baby products from the sales and use tax.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony.
- [House Bill 60](#) (Representative Dan Troy): To increase the amount of and expand the income qualifications for the homestead exemption.
 - Fourth hearing, interested party testimony.
- [House Bill 1](#) (Representative Adam Mathews): To modify the law regarding property taxation and income tax rates.
 - Sixth hearing, all testimony.

Wednesday, April 19

[Senate Government Oversight](#) (11:00 a.m.)

- [Senate Bill 91](#) (Senator Tim Schaffer): Regarding fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony.
- [Senate Bill 23](#) (Senator George Lang): To expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services.
 - Fourth hearing, all testimony.
 - **POSSIBLE VOTE.**