



TO: State Legislators

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RE: 2011 Legislative Session Calendar

Last month, legislators received a draft of the 2011 session calendar and bill request deadlines. Thank you to those members who provided feedback.

Based on your input, the attached calendar has been completed and will be used to manage the 2011 Legislative Session. Please keep in mind that this session is our first session under the 160 day limits imposed by Ballot Measure 71. Consequently, the request and filing deadlines are earlier than in the past and there will be fewer days for measures to be considered in each chamber.

We want to again call your attention to the first deadline for requesting legislation. Friday, January 14, 2010 at 5 p.m. will be the last opportunity to request an unlimited number of drafts from Legislative Counsel.

The following explains the important deadlines in the calendar for your consideration:

Important Dates

January 10-12 – Organizational Session

The Legislature will convene for a three-day Organizational Session. Activities will include opening ceremonies, swearing-in of members, First Reading of pre-session filed measures, mandatory trainings for members, and organizational meetings of policy committees.

January 13 – New Member Orientation

January 13-31 – The Legislature is NOT in Session

No committee meetings or floor sessions will be held.

January 14 – Deadline to Request Measures from Legislative Counsel

Members may request an unlimited number of measures from Legislative Counsel until January 14th at 5 p.m. Afterwards, members may request up to 5 measures. These are what we used to refer to as “priority bills” but are more aptly described as “anytime bills” because they can be requested anytime after the January 14th deadline. However, please note that the first chamber deadlines still apply to these bills.

February 1 – Legislative Session Convenes

Committees holding hearings on this day must comply with the notice requirements and post agendas no later than Thursday, January 27 (for House committees) and Friday, January 28 (for Senate committees).

February 14 – Legislative Counsel Returns Measures

Legislative Counsel will return measures that were requested by January 14th. After this date, Legislative Counsel will prioritize drafting amendments, followed by anytime bill requests.

February 17 – Deadline to drop bills with the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk

Measures that were requested by the January 14th deadline must be filed with the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk by 5 p.m. on this day in order to be introduced.

April 8 – Deadline for Chairs to SCHEDULE Work Sessions for First Chamber Measures

Policy committee Chairs must post agendas with the measures introduced in their chamber (i.e. House bills in the House, Senate bills in the Senate) that they intend to hold a work session on by this date in anticipation of the April 21st deadline. This will not apply to Ways & Means, Revenue, Rules, and committee(s) dealing with redistricting.

April 21 – Deadline for Committees to HOLD Work Sessions on First Chamber Measures

This is the last day for policy committees to move measures introduced in their chamber (i.e. Senate bills in the Senate, House bills in the House) out of committee. The deadline does not apply to Ways & Means, Revenue, Rules, and committee(s) dealing with redistricting.

April 30-May 4 – Additional Floor Sessions

In order to move measures off the floor of the chamber of origin to the opposite chamber and allow time for consideration in the second chamber, it is anticipated that additional Floor Sessions will be needed. The House anticipates possible extra sessions the evening of April 28 as well as May 3. The Senate anticipates possible extra sessions between April 30 and May 4.

May 23 – Deadline for Chairs to SCHEDULE Work Sessions for Second Chamber Measures

Policy committee Chairs must post agendas with the second chamber measures that they intend to hold a work session on before the June 1st deadline. This does not apply to Ways & Means, Revenue, Rules, and committee(s) dealing with redistricting.

June 1 – Deadline for Committees to HOLD Work Sessions on Second Chamber Measures

This is the last day for policy committees to move measures that originated in the opposite chamber out of committee. The deadline does not apply to Ways & Means, Revenue, Rules, and committee(s) dealing with redistricting.

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Please do not hesitate to contact our offices if you have any questions about the deadlines or any other portion of the calendar.

Thank you.

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