



LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

The general assembly was in recess this week to allow the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to conduct joint state budget hearings. The legislature will reconvene on Monday, January 23, for legislative day 5 and work through Thursday, January 26.

To view Senate Resolution 6, the current adjournment resolution dictating the legislative calendar, [click here](#).

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS HELD BEFORE JOINT COMMITTEES

This week, the joint House and Senate Appropriations Committees met on Tuesday, January 17 and worked through Thursday, January 19. Governor Brian P. Kemp, the state's fiscal economist, Dr. Jeffrey Dorfman, and various state agency leaders presented the Administration's Amended Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 budget proposals to committee members. House and Senate Appropriations Committee members will now begin work on their own budget proposals to present to their respective bodies in the coming days of the 2023 Session.

To view the Joint Budget Hearings and presentations [click here](#).

To view the Governors Proposed 2023 Amended Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, [click here](#).

Governor Kemp remains focused on Georgia's economic future in his proposed budget. His budget proposals and legislative priorities include investments for workforce development, providing tax relief for Georgians, increasing investments in our state's infrastructure, and relief for housing shortages in rural communities across the state.

Statewide

Governor Kemp's budget includes \$1 billion to be used for tax rebates to Georgia's taxpayers, \$1.1 billion for Homeowner Tax Relief Grants to provide a \$20,000 credit on the assessed home value for each homestead for the coming year, and a \$2,000 cost-of-living salary increase for state employees and teachers.

Education

\$129 million has been proposed for the design and construction of new and existing facilities under the Technical Colleges of Georgia's Quick Start program to support the state's growing electric vehicle industry. Additionally, the Governor Kemp has proposed a \$61 million investment in Georgia's future workforce by fully funding the state's HOPE Grant and HOPE Scholarship programs.

Workforce Housing

\$35.7 million has been allocated in reserved funds for the establishment of the Rural Workforce Housing Fund. This fund will assist in solving critical issues around workforce housing and ensure continued economic expansion in regions across the state.

Transportation

\$89 million has been proposed for the Department of Transportation for the continuation of highway and road infrastructure projects statewide.

GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

This past week the Georgia General Assembly announced committee assignments for the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. To view House committee assignments, [click here](#) and to view Senate committee assignments, [click here](#).



GEORGIA HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DAY AT THE GEORGIA STATE CAPITOL

Join the Georgia Hispanic Chamber and special invited guest on Tuesday, March 7th. This event provides a great opportunity for our members to connect with our legislators and become informed about critical issues and decisions that impact our state in the near future. Over the years, our guest speakers have included the State of Georgia Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and elected officials. Further event detail and registration information will follow in the coming weeks.