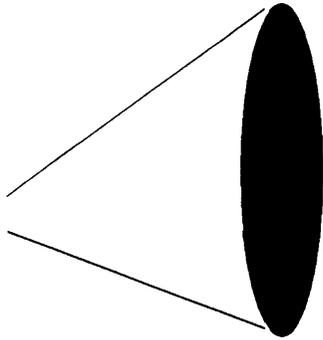


# How Does the State Budget Process Work?



Your voice and input is important throughout the entire budget process.

**January**

**Governor** publicly releases budget recommendations as a budget bill

**February - April**

**House Ways & Means Committee** analyzes budget and holds public hearings

**April**

House Ways & Means reports its budget to the full House. **Full House** debates and votes on the House budget

**April - May**

**Senate Ways & Means Committee** analyzes budget and holds public hearings.

**May - June**

Senate Ways & Means reports its version of the budget to the full Senate. **Full Senate** debates and votes on the Senate budget.

**June**

**Conference Committee** (3 Senators and 3 Representatives) work out differences between Senate and House budgets. Full Senate and House vote on Conference budget.

**July 1**

Target date for completion of budget - end of prior fiscal year. Governor has 10 days to sign budget

