

The Spending Cap Commission will hold a subject matter public hearing on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Room 1E of the LOB.

This will be one of five public hearings, one in each congressional district, to be held by the Commission.

The Commission is charged with creating, for the purposes of implementing the state's constitutional spending cap (Article III, Section 18), proposed definitions of (1) "increase in personal income", (2) "increase in inflation", and (3) "general budget expenditures". The Commission has voted to include the following proposed definitions to be addressed at the public hearings:

“Increase in personal income” means the compound annual growth rate of personal income in the state over the preceding five calendar years, according to United States Bureau of Economic Analysis data

“Increase in inflation” means the increase in the consumer price index for urban consumers, all items less food and energy, during the preceding calendar year, calculated on a December over December basis, according to United States Bureau of Labor Statistics data

The Commission is still considering potential optional language for the third proposed definition – “general budget expenditures” – it is charged with creating. That language may concern, among others, such expenditures as payments for bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, court orders, federal mandates, grants to distressed municipalities, as well as the use of federal funds and monies contained in the budget reserve fund. Proposed language pertaining to these and other additional topics pertaining to general budget expenditures may also be suggested at the public hearing, and considered by the Commission.

The procedure for the public hearing is as follows:

- Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 1:00 PM in Room 2700 of the LOB
- Sign-up will be on a first come, first served basis
- Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to commission staff at the time of sign-up
- Written testimony may be submitted in Word or PDF format to [APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov) for inclusion on the Commission website

The Commission requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the subject matter stated above. In addition, witnesses are encouraged to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement.

Please note that all public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the website of the Connecticut General Assembly and indexed by internet search engines.