

Spending Cap Commission Public Hearing Schedule

The Spending Cap Commission will hold subject matter public hearings in each of the congressional districts. A three hour time limit has been established for each hearing.

The schedule is as follows:

- October 5, 4 pm to 7 pm, Room 1E, Legislative Office Building, Hartford
- October 13, 4 pm to 7 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, Bridgeport
- October 19, 4 pm to 7 pm, Conn Hall, SCSU, New Haven
- October 26, 4 pm to 7 pm, J. Eugene Smith Library, ECSU, Willimantic
- November 16, 4 pm to 7 pm, Room S502, Cistulli Student Center, Naugatuck Valley Community Technical College, Waterbury

The procedure for the public hearing is as follows:

- Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 1:00 pm on October 5 and 3:00 PM on all other dates
- Sign-up will be conducted 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 for inclusion on the Commission website

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.

Questions may be directed to Susan Keane, Commission Administrator, at susan.keane@cga.ct.gov.