

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**Information about the Biennial Budget Work Sessions
LD 258 and LD 424**

The Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee will be posting a work session on LD 424 “An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government” on the [Legislative Calendar](#) for 3:00 pm today, Thursday, March 23, 2023.

The AFA Committee will be considering partitioning their committee report on the Governor’s Biennial Budget into two reports on two separate budget bills. The first report would be on LD 424 which was printed and referred as a concept draft. The baseline budget for each existing program and a subset of initiatives and language parts contained in the Governor’s Biennial Budget proposal will be considered for inclusion in LD 424. A document listing potential Part A and B initiatives from the original budget proposal (with a few identified modifications) will be posted on the [AFA Committee materials page](#) by the start of the work session. Other initiatives or language parts may also be considered upon a motion from a committee member.

The following information may be useful as you navigate the document and try to follow the AFA deliberations.

- 1) The initiatives are divided into Groups A through I. *These groupings will not correspond to bill parts – they are simply a by-product of how the list was built.*
- 2) All nine groups were combined into the one posted document.
- 3) The first column in each Group is the “line number.” Line numbers are sequential but begin anew in each group, as does the page numbering.
- 4) The document posted was originally formatted for 11”x 17” paper. I know that many printers cannot accommodate that but I did print the document out on legal size and could read it (barely). *If it makes you feel any better, it’s difficult to read on the larger paper too. I apologize to all involved.*
- 5) Potential Language Parts from LD 258 are not listed on the posted document but I believe that any motion made to include a Language Part will be clear enough that you will be able to pick it out of the Governor’s Proposal (even if you have to write down the part and check on it later) or describe well enough that you can get the gist of what is being proposed in advance of a committee report.

DRAFT AGENDAS: March 23rd and March 24th

PLEASE NOTE: The Committee may break for caucus during, or in lieu of, scheduled Biennial Budget work sessions

Thursday, March 23, 2023

3:00 pm

Work Session LD 424

Friday, March 24, 2023

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