

WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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Schedule of Public Hearings on State Budget

The Joint Finance Committee has announced the public hearing schedule for the budget bill. All of the hearings are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Here are the hearing dates and locations:

- Monday, March 23: **Sparta**. American Legion Hall, 1116 Angelo Rd.
- Wednesday, March 25: **West Allis**. State Fair Park, Banquet Rm. 2, 640 s. 84th St.
- Friday, March 27: **Eau Claire**. UW-Eau Claire Haas Fine Arts Center, 121 Water St.
- Monday, March 30: **Racine**. Case High School Theater, 7345 Washington Ave.
- Wednesday, April 1: **Appleton**. Lawrence University Stansbury Theater, 420 College Ave.
- Friday, April 3: **Cambridge**. Amundson Community Center, 200 Spring St.

Registration Continues for *Catholics at the Capitol*

Registration forms are now available for *Catholics at the Capitol* to be held on Tuesday, March 31, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison. [Registration form](#).

Registration is \$33 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. High school and university students can register for \$10. The registration deadline is March 12. For more information, visit www.wisconsinatholic.org.

Upcoming Hearings of Interest

(N.B. Only bills of interest are flagged. In most cases, committees will be considering other bills as well.)

Justice Reinvestment Initiative Oversight Panel

10am, Wed., Mar. 11, 411 South

Representatives of the Council of State Governments will provide intermediate findings relating to the state's correctional system and community corrections.

Assembly Education

10am, Tue., Mar. 17, 417 North

[AB-119](#). (Smith) Requires completion of 5-year-old kindergarten as a condition of entry into first grade.

New Bills of Interest

[SB-41](#). **School Environmental Quality** (Sullivan) Directs DPI to create an Indoor Environmental Quality in Schools Task Force to make recommendations for development of a model management for maintaining indoor environmental quality in public and private schools. To Education.

[SB-69](#). **Tax Deduction** (Hopper) Adopts federal law relating to income tax deduction for certain educators and individual income tax deduction for educators who use personal funds to purchase classroom supplies. To Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief & Revenue.

[SB-70](#). **Health Plans** (Vinehout) Coverage of dependents under health plans. To Health.

[SB-71](#). **Health Plans** (Vinehout) Changes affecting pre-existing condition exclusions, modifications at renewal; establishes standard application for health benefit plans. To Health.

[SB-72](#). **Health Plans** (Vinehout) Portability under group health benefit plans; independent review of insurance policy rescissions; pre-existing exclusion denials. To Health.

[SB-73](#). **HIRSP** (Vinehout) Lifetime limit under HIRSP. To Health.

[SB-74](#). **HIRSP** (Vinehout) Coverage denials under HIRSP. To Health.

[SB-78](#). **Foreclosures** (Taylor) Tenant protections in foreclosures. To Judiciary.

[SB-86](#). **School Activities Leave** (Carpenter) Requires certain employers to grant leave for school conferences and activities to all employees. To Children and Families & Workforce Development.

[SB-89](#). **Kindergarten** (Coggs) Requires completion of 5-year-old kindergarten as a condition of entry into first grade; provides exemptions. To Education.

[SB-96](#). **CIP** (Leibham) Diversions under a community integration program of MA-eligible persons from imminent entry into nursing homes. To Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care & Job Creation

[AB-76](#). **Driver Licenses** (Vruwink) Requires DOT to establish rules allowing living will and health care power of attorney information to be included on driver's license. To Health & Healthcare Reform.

[AB-99](#). **Tax Deduction** (Roth) Adopts federal law relating to income tax deduction for certain educators and individual income tax deduction for educators who use personal funds to purchase classroom supplies. To Education.

[AB-100](#). **Health Plans** (Richards) Changes affecting pre-existing condition exclusions, modifications at renewal; establishes standard application for health benefit plans. To Health & Healthcare Reform.

[AB-107](#). **Foreclosures** (Hintz) Tenant protections in foreclosures. To Consumer Protection

[AB-108](#). **Health Plans** (Pasch) Portability under group health benefit plans; independent review of insurance policy rescissions; pre-existing exclusion denials. To Health & Healthcare Reform

[AB-111](#). **HIRSP** (Bernard Schaber) Lifetime limit under HIRSP. To Health & Healthcare Reform

[AB-112](#). **HIRSP** (Bernard Schaber) Coverage denials under HIRSP. To Health & Healthcare Reform

[AB-116](#). **School Activities Leave** (Black) Requires certain employers to grant leave for school conferences and activities to all employees. To Education.

[AB-118](#). **Health Care** (Smith) Coverage of dependents under health care plans. To Insurance.

[AB-119](#). **Kindergarten** (Smith) Requirements for pupils enrolled in 5-year-old kindergarten. To Education.

Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml>

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[Directory of Senate Members](#)

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<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/leginfo.html>

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- Weekly Schedule of Committee Activities
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