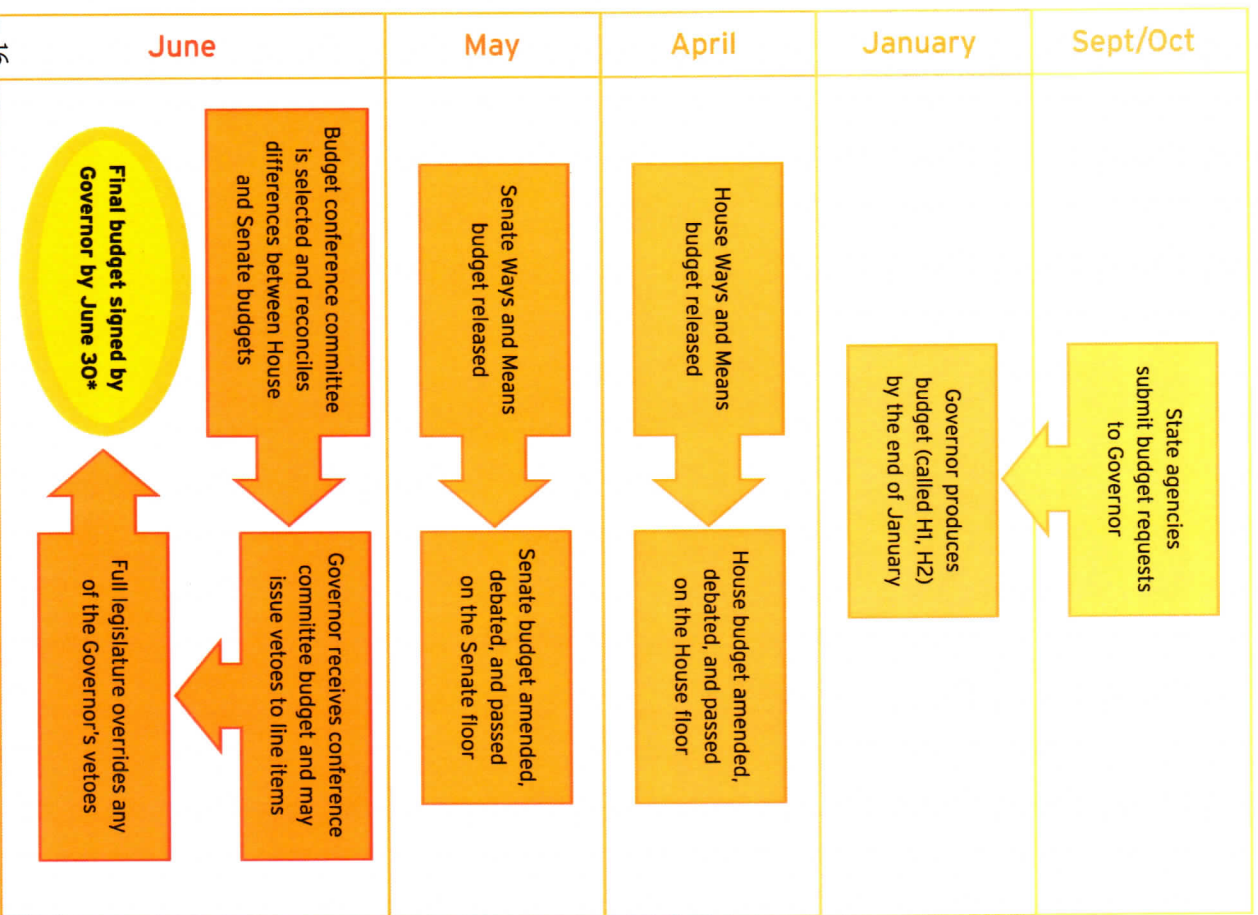


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*Historically there have been exceptions to the June 30th deadline

How You Can Have an Influence on the Budget Process

For more information about the budget process, please refer to page 49.

September - January	You Can:	Attend public hearings held by state agencies
Governor's Budget		Request the Governor and relevant state agency to include your budget item in their recommendations
March - April	You Can:	Testify at the Ways & Means Committee budget hearings
House Ways & Means Budget		Ask your Representative to support your budget item and include it in their list of priorities that he/she will submit to House Ways and Means
		Contact the House Ways and Means Committee Chair and members to request their support for your budget item
April - May	You Can:	Testify at the Ways & Means Committee budget hearings
Senate Ways & Means Budget		Ask your Senator to support your budget item and include it in their list of priorities that he/she will submit to Senate Ways and Means
		Contact the Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair and members to request their support for your budget item
May - June	You Can:	Contact members of the Conference Committee and ask that they maintain your budget item
Budget Conference Committee		Ask your Senator and Representative to contact members of the Committee and express their support
May - June	You Can:	Ask the Governor not to veto your budget item
Governor's Desk		