

General Obligation Bond Bills
Public Hearings
Wednesday June 12, 2013
2:00 PM Revised

The Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee will be hearing testimony on all of the General Obligation bond bills that have been referred to them. The list of bills is included as a separate attachment.

Testimony will be taken from a unified sign-up sheet. The hearing will not be blocked out by area (but the bill list is grouped for ease of use).

Sign-ups will be taken from **1:00 PM** until **5:00 pm**. The hearing will continue until all the names have been called.

Because it is very likely that at least part of the hearing will overlap with House and Senate sessions, sponsor testimony will be taken as the sponsors are available. The Chairs will be deviating from the sign-up sheet to accommodate the sponsors during the course of the hearing.

The hearing may be suspended briefly on those occasions when both the House and Senate are holding a vote because that would mean all the AFA members would have to be in the chambers.

Written testimony in addition to, or instead of, oral testimony is welcome. A work session will likely be held on Monday afternoon so please submit your testimony prior to noon on that day - by Friday afternoon would be ideal since that would give the members a chance to review it over the weekend (see below for information on submitting testimony).

For members of the public wishing to provide oral testimony:

- Be aware that MPBN may be filming proceedings.
- Plan your testimony to be **2** minutes (**note change**) or less; your *written* submittal can be as long as you want. You may omit greetings to the chairs and the committee to save time.
- If you want to give the committee any written materials, submit **25 copies** to the committee clerk. Copies may be made at the Legislative Library at the other end of the 2nd floor.
- Written testimony will be posted on the Legislative website
- Written testimony or back-up materials should include your name and contact information.
- Fill in the sign-up sheet at the table just outside the appropriations room

- Please **print** your name so it can be easily read by the Chairs and note the LD or LDs covered by your testimony.
- **You may not sign up anyone other than yourself**
- If the Committee Room is full you will be asked to wait in the Welcome Center where you can watch the proceeding on the screen.
- When the Chairs call a name, they will read the next few on the list so you will have time to make your way from the Welcome Center
- When it's your turn to speak give the committee clerk any written materials you want distributed. The clerk will be to your right as you face the committee.

If you do not want to give oral testimony but want to express your opinion:

Fill out a "Comment Sheet" and put it in the specially marked box. The box will be located at either the "sign-up table"

Or send an e-mail to holly.mullen@legislature.maine.gov and she will forward your comments to the committee members.

Or mail your comments to: AFA Committee, 5 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333