



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND CITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Budget oversight hearing for the Assembly Standing Committees on Local Governments and Cities.

PURPOSE: To examine the allocation of funds to the Municipal Restructuring Fund and the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition in the State Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

Albany

Monday

January 23, 2017

11:00 AM

Legislative Office Building

Roosevelt Hearing Room

Hearing Room C, 2nd Floor

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

The 2015-2016 Fiscal Year State Budget included a \$150 million appropriation to create the Municipal Restructuring Fund. The Fund is to be used for payments to local governments for capital and other expenses related to the implementation of local government shared services, cooperation agreements, mergers, and other related actions that reduce operational costs and related property tax burdens on a permanent basis. The 2016-2017 Fiscal Year State Budget re-appropriated \$150 million for the Fund. Also, the 2016-2017 State Fiscal Year Budget included a \$20 million appropriation to create the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition, to be used for payments for capital and other expenses related to the implementation of consolidations, dissolutions, mergers, or other permanent changes in governing structures, cooperation agreements or efficiencies, or other actions that reduce operational costs or property tax burdens on a permanent basis to be selected by a competitive application process.

This hearing will examine how the Municipal Restructuring Fund has affected municipalities that have received assistance. Also, this hearing will examine how the process for the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition has proceeded thus far and whether interest has been expressed by localities to participate in the competition.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing on Budget Oversight Hearing for the Assembly Standing Committees on Local Governments and Cities are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on Budget Oversight for the Assembly Standing Committees on Local Governments and Cities to be conducted on January 23, 2017.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
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