

**JOINT HOUSE and SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET 2017 - 19**

Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
8:30 a.m.  
Room 643, Legislative Office Building

**MINUTES**

The Joint House and Senate Committee on Appropriations met at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in Room 643 of the Legislative Office Building. Senator Kathy Harrington, Senate Chair, presided. The purpose of the meeting was to receive Governor Roy Cooper's Recommended Budget FY 2017 - 19

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. She recognized the Sergeant-at-Arms who were assisting staff and Senate Pages.

Chairman Harrington introduced Charles Perusse, State Budget Director, to review Policy Priorities, Guiding Budget Principles, and highlights of the Governor's recommended Budget. Highlights of the Governor's Budget include:

- \$271 million teacher pay – This equates to over a %5 average increase
- No tax or fee increases
- \$300 million increase in Savings Reserve
- \$100 million for Repairs and Renovations
- \$178 million to support compensation increase of 2% or \$800 (whichever is greater) for all state workers (excluding teachers)
- \$65 million for retirees with a 1.5% one-time cost of living increase
- \$30 million Tier I or II sites for development
- \$20 million for principals and assistants
- \$15 million for SmartStart
- \$58 million to match Federal programs in Emergency Management
- \$30 million for public assistance to repair damaged dams
- \$351 million in new Bond debt for large scale building projects.

Mr. Perusse described the recommended budget fiscally responsible and structurally sound in moving the state forward, paying strict attention to recurring and non-recurring funds in proposed allocations.

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Chairman Brown allowed questions from the floor. In response to Representative Charles Graham's concern regarding disaster relief, Mr. Perusse stated that \$100 million is ready to be disbursed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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House Senior Chair Nelson Dollar

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Panthea Briles, Committee Clerk

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Agenda
2. Attendance
3. Handout: 2017 Consensus Revenue Forecast and Budget Outlook
4. Visitors Sign-In