



Legislative Update

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Joint Board Meeting

June 26, 2014

Legislature Turnover

- Fall Elections: 116 seats up for election
 - 99 Assembly
 - 17 Senate
- 22 Wisconsin State Assembly Representatives not seeking reelection.
- 7 Wisconsin State Senators not seeking reelection.



Wisconsin Budget Process

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- 2-year (biennial) budget. July 1, 2015 –June 30, 2017.
- Culminates in the introduction of The Governor's budget and the Legislature's evaluation and action on the budget (typically 6-8 months).



Biennial Budget Timeline

- June 2014-
 - Focus is on operational and strategic resources. Also, technical and minor substantive changes.
 - Governor and Department of Administration (DOA) issue biennial budget instructions.
- July-August 2014-
 - Draft proposals and analyses.
- September 2014-
 - Staff present ETF's budget request to the Board at September board meeting.
 - ETF submits budget request to Governor and DOA.

Biennial Budget Timeline

- September-December 2014-
 - ETF works with DOA to craft ETF's budget. DOA analyzes ETF budget request, makes modifications and their recommendations to the Governor for possible inclusion in the budget request.
 - Staff will update Board on the progress.
- Late January-Early February 2015-
 - Governor introduces budget to legislature.

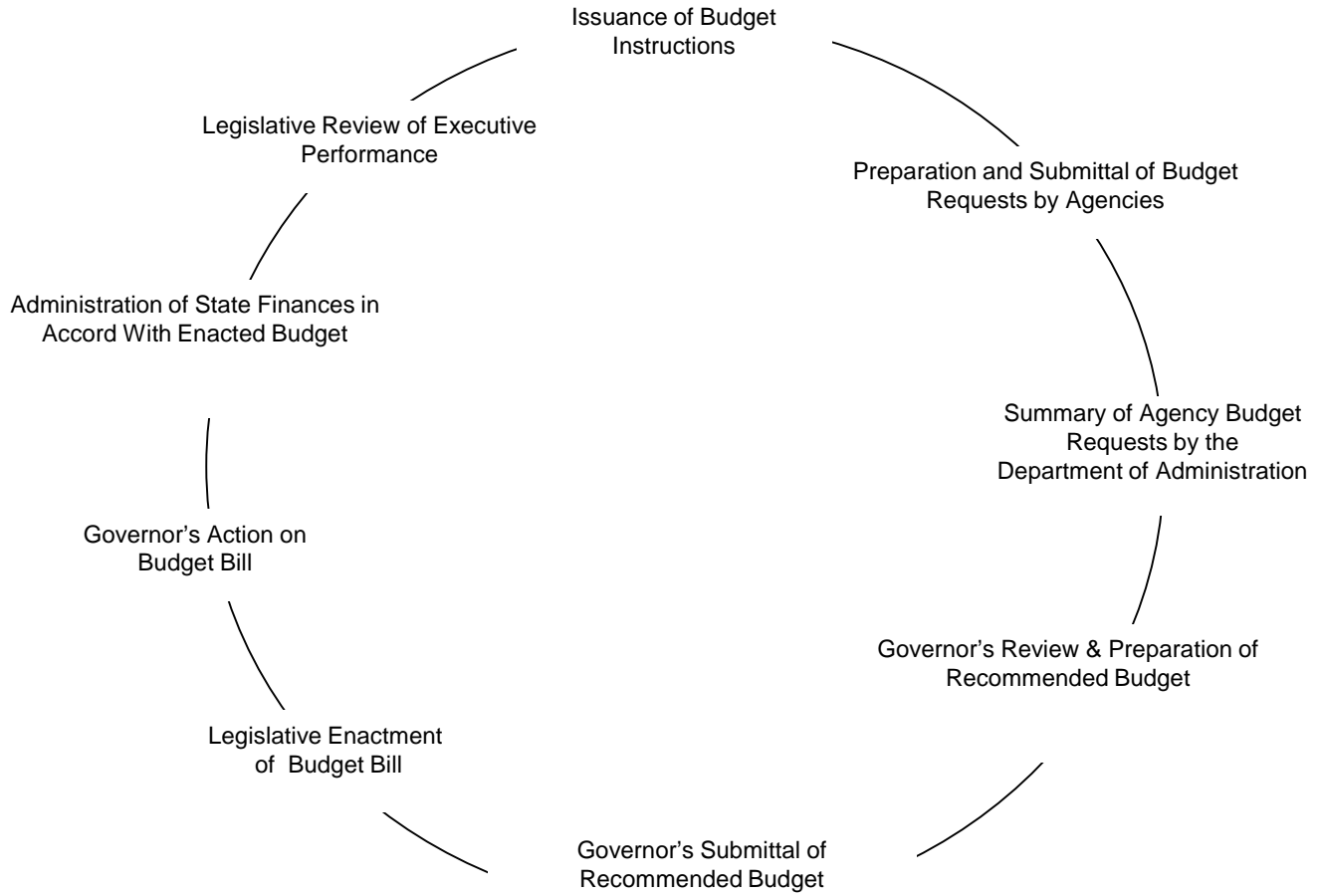
Biennial Budget Timeline

- February-April 2015-
 - Joint Finance Committee reviews budget.
 - Board will be provided detailed summary of budget provisions impacting ETF.
 - JFC holds public hearings across the state and gathers input from constituents, stakeholders, and other interested partners.
 - LFB performs detailed analysis.
- April-May 2015-
 - JFC typically holds several executive sessions to amend and finalize budget.

Biennial Budget Timeline

- June 2015-
 - Assembly and Senate review, caucus, amend, and vote on JCF budget.
 - If budgets differ, a Conference Committee containing leadership from both houses is formed to produce one Budget Report.
- June-August 2015-
 - Houses vote on Budget.
 - Sent to Governor, where vetoes or partial vetoes are made.
 - Results in final legislation unless Legislature seeks to override vetoes with 2/3 vote.

Biennial Budget Cycle – LFB Diagram



Why is this important?

- Opportunity to secure resources to advance ETF mission and strategic plan.
- Opportunity to communicate ETF's vision to legislative stakeholders.
- Provides ongoing funding for ETF to maintain current operations.