



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, PARKS, ARTS, AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Oversight of the 2015-2016 State Budget

PURPOSE: To review the implementation of the State Budget and its impact on the programs under the purview of the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts, and Sports Development

**Monday
November 16, 2015,
10:30 AM
Assembly Hearing Room
Room 1923, 19th Floor
250 Broadway
New York, NY**

Oral Testimony by Invitation Only

The Assembly Standing Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development oversees certain State agency budgets and certain state funded programs. These agencies include the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), "I Love NY" tourism campaign at the Empire State Development Corporation, and the New York State Athletic Commission.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine the overall impact and implementation of the 2015-16 budget for OPRHP, NYSCA and ORDA and assess the impact and effectiveness of New York's tourism programs such as "I Love NY."

In the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015-16 budget, OPRHP received \$224.7 million for operations, including \$7 million for the Historic Preservation program and \$500,000 for the Natural Heritage Trust. OPRHP also received \$112.5 million in capital from the existing New York Works Infrastructure Investment Program. In addition, OPRHP received \$6.7 million to support the maintenance and operations of snowmobile trails. The "I Love NY" tourism marketing division received \$4.6 million for operations. The local Tourism Matching Grants program (funding for tourism promotion agencies) received \$3.8 million. The "Market New York Program," received \$5 million in funding for marketing and advertising to promote regional attractions, also including the promotion of New York-produced goods and products. NYSCA received \$6.2 million for operations and \$40.6 million for arts grants, and ORDA received \$6.1 million for State operations and \$633,000 from the NY Works capital fund for improvements to the Olympic facilities located in Lake Placid.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should fully complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency postponement or cancellation invited person will be notified.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee 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 Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform additional interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in receiving written testimony from any interested sources.

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**Margaret Markey
Member of Assembly
Chair
Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts, and Sports Development**

SELECTED ISSUES TO WHICH WITNESSES MAY DIRECT THEIR TESTIMONY:

1. The programs of each agency under the Committee's jurisdiction and the budget related thereto.

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on the review of the implementation of the State budget and its impact on the programs under the purview of the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, e-mail or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on the review of the implementation of the State budget and its impact on the programs under the purview of the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development on **November 16, 2015**.
- 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.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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