



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: The Environmental Footprint of Colleges and Universities in New York State

PURPOSE: To examine the environmental footprint of colleges and universities in New York State and the academic and research programs such colleges and universities offer that focus on the environment.

**Albany, New York
Wednesday
November 13, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Roosevelt Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building**

The purpose of this hearing is to examine the environmental footprint of colleges and universities in New York State and the academic and research programs such colleges and universities offer that focus on the environment. Specifically, the Committees are seeking testimony on the goals colleges and universities have set to reduce their environmental footprint; the methods such colleges and universities are using or will use to achieve these goals; the use of recycling and composting on campus; how excess food in cafeterias is disposed of; efforts to eliminate or reduce use of single-use plastics on campus; efforts colleges and universities are making to educate students on the environment; projects students have undertaken on campus to raise awareness about being more environmentally conscious, and; academic and research programs colleges and universities offer that focus on the environment, including climate science, sustainability, and renewable resources. The Committees will also seek testimony on how colleges and universities have utilized, or could potentially utilize, capital funding provided in the state budget to retrofit current buildings to improve efficiency or build new buildings that meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification standards.

Persons wishing 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 10 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.

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Hon. Deborah J. Glick

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on The Environmental Footprint of Colleges and Universities in New York State on November 13, 2019.
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
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