

Governor Walker's proposed 2017-2019 state budget includes language for the **creation of an Occupational License Review Council charged with identifying Wisconsin professions for licensure elimination**. As you may know, several lobbying groups have already **singled out the landscape architecture license for elimination**, and it is possible that representatives from these groups could be appointed to the proposed Occupational License Review Council. It is critical that you speak out against attempts to weaken licensure laws in Wisconsin.

**How you can help:** The Wisconsin State Legislature's Joint Finance Committee (JFC) has released the dates for public hearings on the Governor's Budget Proposal over the next couple of weeks. A large turnout by landscape architects would show our legislators that we value our license and that we are paying attention to their actions. Large representations at budget hearings in the past have proven effective in altering what is ultimately included in the state budget. So, we need your help!

WI ASLA is looking for volunteers to attend one, or more, of the scheduled budget hearings and speak out against attempts to eliminate occupational licensure. WI ASLA will provide assistance to all attendees in developing cohesive talking points and coordinating day-of logistics to ensure a unified and effective response on the profession's behalf. See below for hearing dates and locations.

**If you are able to attend, please let us know by emailing [president@wiasla.com](mailto:president@wiasla.com) with the date(s) you are available.** WI ASLA will hold a conference call with each hearing attendee group to go over details.

Note that while individual comments are limited to 2 minutes, speaking times are assigned on a first come, first served basis. We cannot guarantee a particular time slot at the hearings.

### **Joint Finance Committee Public Hearings on the State Budget**

#### **Monday, April 3 (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)**

University of Wisconsin-Platteville  
Ullsvick Hall  
30 South Hickory Street  
Platteville, WI 53818

#### **Wednesday, April 5 (10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

State Fair Park - Exposition Center  
8200 West Greenfield Avenue West Allis, WI 53214

#### **Friday, April 7 (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

Berlin High School (Auditorium) 222 Memorial Drive Berlin, WI 54923

#### **Tuesday, April 18 (10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)**

Spooner High School (Auditorium)  
801 County Highway A  
Spooner, WI 54801

#### **Wednesday, April 19 (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

Ellsworth High School (Gymnasium)  
323 West Hillcrest Street  
Ellsworth, WI 54011

**Friday, April 21 (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

Marinette High School (Auditorium)

2135 Pierce Avenue

Marinette, WI 54143