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Arizona House Appropriations Subcommittee on Budgetary Funding Formulas to Review Aggregate Expenditure Limit at Upcoming Hearing

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Matt Gress, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Budgetary Funding Formulas, announced the subcommittee will hold a hearing this Thursday, January 26 at 10:30 AM in House Hearing Room 4 to review the Aggregate Expenditure Limit (AEL).

The hearing will include testimony from Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne, Arizona Tax Research Association President Kevin McCarthy, and JLBC staff as state lawmakers discuss Arizona's complex education funding system while the deadline to waive the AEL for one-year only approaches.

“The purpose of this committee hearing is to ensure the record investments we’ve made in K-12 education over the last eight years are effectively and responsibly spent so that we can properly invest in our state’s future leaders,” said Chairman Gress. **“We must prioritize ALL Arizona students — they all deserve access to a quality education. I look forward to hearing from Arizona public officials and leading experts on our complex formula system and am committed to finding solutions that keep our schools open, strengthen Arizona education, and put parents in the driver’s seat of their child’s education.”**

The AEL was passed by voters in 1980 and requires legislative approval if K-12 spending exceeds a formula established in law. Because of record investments made by the Arizona Legislature and former Governor Doug Ducey, the cap has been triggered.

The House Subcommittee on Budgetary Funding formulas will discuss the K-12 cap, the community college cap, and all fiscal transparency measures previously enacted by past state legislators.

The hearing is open to the public. Anyone unable to attend in person can watch via this link: [AZ House Appropriations Subcommittee on Budgetary Funding Formulas 1/26 Hearing](#)

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