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## Senate Budget Hearing Scheduled for May 5

The Senate Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on **May 5 at 3:00 pm at the State House** in Concord. You are likely aware that the House has proposed many cuts to funding for services that affect families. If the Senate does not restore some of these funds, programs for adults and children with disabilities will be significantly impacted.

Please consider attending the hearing and letting the Senate Finance Committee know that you support a budget that fully funds the DHHS budget, including the Wait List.

If you have any questions about the hearing, or how to attend or testify, please contact Mariellen MacKay at 206-2745 or [Mariellen.MacKay@moorecenter.org](mailto:Mariellen.MacKay@moorecenter.org)



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## NH Proposed Budget in the News

For more information on the budget, check out these news sources:

NPR [Spotlight on the House 2016 Budget](#)

Valley News [Rep. Guinta Blasts NH Budget](#)

Brattleboro Reformer [As NH Senate Digs in, House Budget Plan may Face Changes](#)

## 3 Cheers for Senate Bill 47!

SB47, an act repealing the payment of subminimum wages to persons with disabilities, passed unanimously on April 15.

This bill prohibits employers from employing individuals with disabilities at an hourly rate lower than the federal minimum wage except for practical experience or training programs and family businesses.

While no employers or agencies in NH currently pay sub-minimum wages to disabled employees; the NH Legislature recognizes that disabled individuals deserve the same dignity and employment opportunities within the same guidelines as everyone else. New Hampshire is proud to be the first state in the nation to enact this kind of legislation, which represents dignity and full rights of citizenship for all.

## Employment in the News

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**Hiring Workers with Disabilities at Starbucks Largest Distribution Plant** Read more [HERE](#)

**The Unexpected Benefits of Hiring a Developmentally Disabled Employee** Read more [HERE](#)