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Flider to Host Regional Hearing on State Finances and the Budget

Legislator takes government to the people to help close state's budget deficit and identify funding priorities

DECATUR, IL— State Rep. Bob Flider, D-Mount Zion, will host a regional hearing on the state budget on Monday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Square Theatre in downtown Decatur.

In the face of a \$750 million deficit for the current fiscal year and challenging economic conditions forecast for the next, the hearing is designed to give community leaders, business owners, labor officials, service providers, advocacy organizations, health care facilities, school districts, colleges and local residents an opportunity to learn more about state finances and to weigh in with their own views about what lawmakers should make the budget's funding priorities. The hearing is also intended to provide a venue in which to educate the public on how the state has come to find itself in its current fiscal condition and to seek advice on ways to increase government efficiency and reduce costs.

House members will use the information gathered at regional hearings taking place throughout the state over the next several weeks to help direct their efforts to construct a fiscally responsible and balanced budget.

"The state budget is the most significant piece of legislation we deal with all year and it's important to have the input and advice of my constituents," Flider said. "The \$59 billion dollar budget touches everyone's lives in one way or another, so it's only fair that local service providers, business owners, teachers, doctors and other citizens have a voice in the process. Past budget hearings have been very successful and very helpful to me when considering the needs of my district. I look forward to once again gathering with local residents and hearing their concerns."

Those who would like more information or provide testimony at the hearing should contact Flider's constituent service office at (217) 428-2708.

What:	Illinois House of Representatives Regional Budget Hearing
Who:	State Representative Bob Flider, local elected officials, community leaders and community organizations
When:	Monday, March 10 6 p.m.
Where:	Lincoln Square Theatre 141 N. Main Street Decatur