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## The Bavarian State Parliament's Committees



Many citizens associate the term “Bavarian State Parliament“ with the image of a plenary session in a plenary chamber. However, the standing committees that are appointed for the duration of the electoral term are just as important to the parliamentary work. Each of the currently 14 standing committees is responsible for one area of politics that its members specialise in. They advise on bills and motions and submit recommendations for a resolution. As a result, the committees prepare the content for the plenary session's meetings and decisions.

The committees can request the presence of any member of the state government at their meetings. State government members and their officers have access to committee meetings and must be heard at any time. The committees also deal with petitions and complaints from citizens and take a final vote on these.

All of the Bavarian State Parliament's parliamentary groups are represented on the committees, which have 14, 18 or 21 members depending on their field. At the same time, the political majorities on the committee must correspond to those in the Bavarian State Parliament's plenary. The committee chairmanships are also distributed across the parliamentary groups based on relative strength. The parliamentary groups then decide internally which member of Parliament they delegate to a committee and who should take over the chairmanship or vice chairmanship, as necessary. The committees generally hold public meetings.

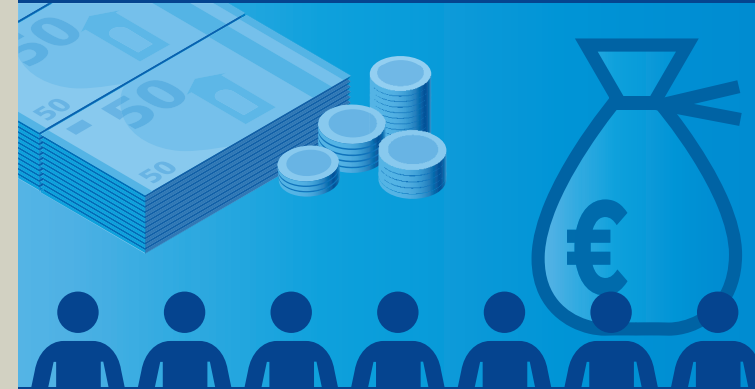
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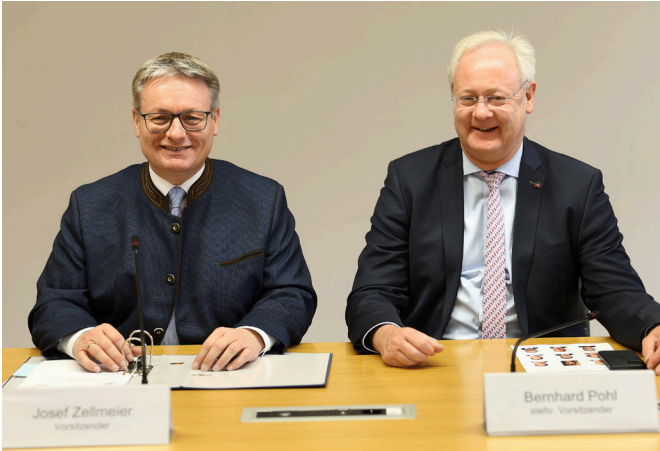


## Committee on State Budget and Financial Affairs



**Bayerischer  
Landtag**

## The Committee on State Budget and Financial Affairs



**Chairman: Josef Zellmeier (CSU)**  
**Vice Chairman: Bernhard Pohl (FW)**

### Duties

The Committee on State Budget and Financial Affairs is one of the 14 permanent committees of the Bavarian State Parliament. 21 members of Parliament in total belong to the Committee: nine CSU members, four members from FREIE WÄHLER (FW), three members each from AfD and ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS (GRU) and two SPD members.

The Committee on State Budget and Financial Affairs has existed since the start of the first electoral term in 1946. Its main duty is to advise on the state budget, which is set up for two years, where the figures for the second budget year are adjusted within the framework of a supplementary budget.

The budget is the basis for all the state activity for the respective financial year. Approving it is therefore one of the Parliament's most important duties. Once it is approved by Parliament, the implementation of the budget is in the hands of the state government. Nevertheless, the Budget Committee is called for here too. As part of parliamentary budgetary control, it also has an effect on the implementation of the budget through various rights of information and reservations of consent (e.g. submissions on building construction matters, in the event of unscheduled funding requirements, etc.)

At the close of the financial year, the state government presents the budget accounts and applies to the Bavarian State Parliament to discharge their budget management. It is also the Budget Committee's duty to carry out this discharging process. It is done after the budget accounts have been checked by the Bavarian High Court of Auditors as part of consultations on the Bavarian High Court of Auditors' annual report. In addition, the committee assists the plenary with examining any submitted motions and bills for their financial impact and preparing appropriate decisions across the wide varied range of financial policy.

If the plenary session does not make the decision itself, the Committee on State Budget and Financial Affairs exercises the Bavarian State Parliament's rights with property and shareholding issues. It also deals with petitions and complaints that come under its area of responsibility.

### Meetings

The meetings always take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during sitting weeks. They are convened and chaired by the chairman. Besides the committee members and head of the committee office, state government representatives responsible for the specific agenda items also attend.

With important political issues, responsible members of the government are also present. The Bavarian State Parliament's shorthand writers' service documents the meetings.