

## **Two get committee assignments**

Staff reports

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The two local Democratic members of the legislative delegation have received committee assignments for the upcoming session.

State Rep. Sydney Carlin has been named ranking member of the House Higher Education Committee. House Minority Leader Dennis McKinney, who announced the appointments today, said Carlin will assist the committee chair in management of the committee's agenda, and drafting bills affecting higher education. She has been reappointed to a second term on the Committee on Economic Development, and will also serve on the House Taxation Committee. She said the economic development appointment would be a particularly good fit in light of my experience with Manhattan's economic development efforts when I was on the City Commission."

Tom Hawk, who will be sworn in Monday as state representative, was named to the House committees on Environment, Utilities, and Federal and State Affairs. He noted that both the Environment and Utilities committees could spend lot of their time dealing with the issue of wind energy regulation. That issue has been a closely watched one in this area.

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