
SENATE BILL 6596

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By Senators Kastama, Hill, Hatfield, Holmquist Newbry, Tom, Fain, Hobbs, Litzow, Shin, Swecker, Sheldon, Padden, Chase, Morton, Honeyford, Kilmer, Murray, Rolfes, Haugen, and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to a balanced state budget; adding a new section to
2 chapter 43.88 RCW; and providing for submission of this act to a vote
3 of the people.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) For the 2014 fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year, the
8 legislature may not present to the governor for consideration, nor may
9 the governor sign into law, an appropriations bill that would
10 appropriate from the general fund for that fiscal year a total amount
11 that, when combined with all appropriations from the general fund for
12 that fiscal year made as of the date of the appropriation bill's
13 passage and the amount of any general fund moneys to be transferred to
14 the budget stabilization account, exceeds the prior fund balance and
15 any general fund revenues for that fiscal year as estimated by the
16 economic and revenue forecast council or successor entity as of the
17 date of the budget bill's passage.

18 (2) For the 2014 fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year, the
19 legislature may not present to the governor for consideration, nor may

1 the governor sign into law, an appropriations bill that would require
2 for any of the subsequent five fiscal years general fund appropriations
3 necessary to maintain estimated program and service levels funded in
4 that appropriations bill, of a total amount that, when combined with
5 all projected appropriations from the general fund for that fiscal year
6 and the amount of any general fund moneys projected to be transferred
7 to the budget stabilization account, exceeds prior fund balances and
8 general fund revenues for that fiscal year as estimated by the economic
9 and revenue forecast council or successor entity as of the date of the
10 budget bill's passage.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The secretary of state shall submit this act
12 to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the
13 next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with
14 Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to
15 facilitate its operation.

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