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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8222**

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**By** Senators Kastama, Tom, Rolfes, Hobbs, Hatfield, Regala, Hill, Haugen, and Litzow

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1            BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3            THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the  
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state  
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to  
6 Article VII of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a  
7 new section to read as follows:

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

1           (2) For the 2014 fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year, the  
2 legislature may not present to the governor for consideration, nor may  
3 the governor sign into law, an appropriations bill that would require  
4 for any of the subsequent five fiscal years general fund appropriations  
5 necessary to maintain estimated program and service levels funded in  
6 that appropriations bill, of a total amount that, when combined with  
7 all projected appropriations from the general fund for that fiscal year  
8 and the amount of any general fund moneys projected to be transferred  
9 to the budget stabilization account pursuant to Article VII, section 12  
10 of this Constitution, exceeds prior fund balances and general fund  
11 revenues for that fiscal year as estimated by the economic and revenue  
12 forecast council or successor entity as of the date of the budget  
13 bill's passage.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
15 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at  
16 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in  
17 every legal newspaper in the state.

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