

ESSB 5993 - H AMD 901

By Representative MacEwen

WITHDRAWN 04/27/2019

1 On page 30, after line 27, insert the following:

2 **"Sec. 415.** RCW 43.88.055 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 8 s 1 are each
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The legislature must adopt a four-year balanced budget as
5 follows:

6 (a) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the legislature
7 shall enact a balanced omnibus operating appropriations bill that
8 leaves, in total, a positive ending fund balance in the general fund
9 and related funds.

10 (b) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the projected
11 maintenance level of the omnibus appropriations bill enacted by the
12 legislature shall not exceed the available fiscal resources for the
13 next ensuing fiscal biennium.

14 (2) For purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Available fiscal resources" means the beginning general fund
16 and related fund balances and any fiscal resources estimated for the
17 general fund and related funds, adjusted for enacted legislation, and
18 with forecasted revenues adjusted to the greater of (i) the official
19 general fund and related funds revenue forecast for the ensuing
20 biennium, or (ii) the official general fund and related funds
21 forecast for the second fiscal year of the current fiscal biennium,
22 increased by 4.5 percent for each fiscal year of the ensuing
23 biennium;

24 (b) "Projected maintenance level" means estimated appropriations
25 necessary to maintain the continuing costs of program and service
26 levels either funded in that appropriations bill or mandated by other
27 state or federal law, and the amount of any general fund moneys
28 projected to be transferred to the budget stabilization account
29 pursuant to Article VII, section 12 of the state Constitution, but
30 does not include in the 2013-2015 and 2015-2017 fiscal biennia the
31 costs related to the enhanced funding under the new definition of
32 basic education as established in chapter 548, Laws of 2009, and

1 affirmed by the decision in *Mathew McCleary et al., v. The State of*
2 *Washington*, 173 Wn.2d 477, 269 P.3d 227, (2012), from which the
3 short-term exclusion of these obligations is solely for the purposes
4 of calculating this estimate and does not in any way indicate an
5 intent to avoid full funding of these obligations;

6 (c) "Related funds," as used in this section, means the
7 Washington opportunity pathways account, model toxics control
8 operating account, and the education legacy trust account.

9 (3) Subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section does not apply to
10 an appropriations bill that makes net reductions in general fund and
11 related funds appropriations and is enacted between July 1st and
12 February 15th of any fiscal year.

13 (4) Subsection (1)(b) of this section does not apply in a fiscal
14 biennium in which money is appropriated from the budget stabilization
15 account.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 416.** Section 415 of this act takes effect
17 July 1, 2021."

18 On page 31, line 13, after "**419.**" strike "This" and insert
19 "Except for section 415 of this act, this"

20 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any
21 internal references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Makes the Model Toxics Control Operating Account subject
to the four-year outlook, effective July 1, 2021.

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