

E2SHB 2158 - S AMD 885

By Senator Braun

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1 On page 95, after line 2, insert the following:

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3 "Sec. 75. RCW 43.88.055 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 8 s 1 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

15 (2) For purposes of this section:

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

25 (b) "Projected maintenance level" means estimated appropriations
26 necessary to maintain the continuing costs of program and service
27 levels either funded in that appropriations bill or mandated by

1 other state or federal law, and the amount of any general fund
2 moneys projected to be transferred to the budget stabilization
3 account pursuant to Article VII, section 12 of the state
4 Constitution, but does not include in the 2013-2015 and 2015-2017
5 fiscal biennia the costs related to the enhanced funding under the
6 new definition of basic education as established in chapter 548,
7 Laws of 2009, and affirmed by the decision in *Mathew McCleary et*
8 *al., v. The State of Washington*, 173 Wn.2d 477, 269 P.3d 227,
9 (2012), from which the short-term exclusion of these obligations is
10 solely for the purposes of calculating this estimate and does not in
11 any way indicate an intent to avoid full funding of these obligations;

12 (c) "Related funds," as used in this section, means the
13 Washington opportunity pathways account, the workforce education
14 investment account, and the education legacy trust account.

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

19 (4) Subsection (1)(b) of this section does not apply in a fiscal
20 biennium in which money is appropriated from the budget
21 stabilization account."

22 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
23 internal references accordingly.

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26 By Committee on Ways & Means

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28 On page 1, line 8 of the title, after "28B.115.070," strike "and
29 28B.15.621" and insert "28B.15.621, and 43.88.055"

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EFFECT: Makes the Workforce Education Investment Account
subject to the four-year outlook.

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