

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Krummel
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 17 – 0 – 4

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields
– Nays:

– Exc: Jenson

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett

– Nays:

– Exc: Carter, Gordly, Winters

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Meeting Date: 6/21/07

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Governor's budget to include proposed spending target for General Fund and lottery moneys. Requires Co-chairs of Ways and Means to propose, and Legislative Assembly to adopt, spending agreement resolution prior to March 31 for following biennium. Prohibits enactment of bills after March 31 if spending agreement has not been reached. Prohibits Legislative Assembly from enacting bills during regular session that in total appropriate or allocate more or less than amount agreed to under spending agreement. Specifies circumstances under which spending agreement may be modified. Requires budget presentations of judicial, legislative and executive departments to include performance measures and prioritized list of services provided. Requires budget presentation of state agency to include plans for improvements in agency operations proposed improvement projects.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current budget process and proposed model for budget process
- Amount of time spent determining individual budgets
- Adequacy and stability of revenue sources
- Influence of the initiative process on the state budget
- Performance measures and performance excellence
- Creating a world-class state government

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Statute currently sets forth procedures and requirements for the state budgeting process. The Legislative Fiscal Office works with state agencies to evaluate budget needs and monitor performance measures. Senate Bill 474 paired with Senate Bill 1039 and other measures modify the way that Oregon collects, budgets, spends, and saves revenue.