

# House Bill 3019

Sponsored by Representative MAURER

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Oregon Reserve Fund. Requires that General Fund revenues above specified amount be transferred to reserve fund. Caps amount of reserve fund.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to a reserve fund.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. As used in sections 1 to 3 of this 2007 Act:**

5 (1) **"Baseline budget" means the total amount of General Fund moneys appropriated in**  
6 **the legislatively adopted budget for a biennium.**

7 (2) **"Legislatively adopted budget" means the budget enacted by the Legislative Assembly**  
8 **during a regular session of the Legislative Assembly.**

9 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Reserve Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate**  
10 **and distinct from the General Fund. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,**  
11 **interest earned by the Oregon Reserve Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

12 (2) **The Legislative Assembly may appropriate moneys from the Oregon Reserve Fund**  
13 **only if:**

14 (a) **The last revenue forecast given to the Legislative Assembly in a biennium indicates**  
15 **that there will not be sufficient General Fund revenues for the following biennium for the**  
16 **Legislative Assembly to appropriate from the General Fund for that biennium the baseline**  
17 **budget plus the amounts described in section 3 (1) of this 2007 Act; or**

18 (b) **A revenue forecast given during a biennium indicates that actual General Fund re-**  
19 **venues for that biennium will fall below the baseline budget for the biennium.**

20 (3) **When the amount in the Oregon Reserve Fund equals or exceeds 15 percent of the**  
21 **amount of General Fund revenues projected for a biennium:**

22 (a) **Moneys need not be transferred to the fund under section 3 (2) of this 2007 Act; and**

23 (b) **Interest on moneys in the Oregon Reserve Fund shall be deposited in the General**  
24 **Fund to be available for general governmental expenses.**

25 **SECTION 3. (1) The Legislative Assembly may not appropriate from the General Fund for**  
26 **a biennium an amount that exceeds the baseline budget for the prior biennium plus the**  
27 **product of inflation and population growth for the two calendar years immediately preceding**  
28 **the beginning of the biennium for which the moneys are appropriated.**

29 (2) **If the last forecast given to the Legislative Assembly in a biennium indicates that**  
30 **there will be more General Fund revenues for the next biennium than may be appropriated**  
31 **under subsection (1) of this section, the difference between the projected amount and the**

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1 amount that may be appropriated shall be transferred to the reserve fund established in  
2 section 2 of this 2007 Act.

3 (3) For purposes of this section, inflation shall be calculated on the basis of the Consumer  
4 Price Index, as defined in ORS 327.006, and population growth shall be as shown in the most  
5 recent report from the Portland State University Center for Population Research.

6 SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2007 Act first applies to the budget developed for the  
7 biennium beginning July 1, 2009. For purposes of the budget developed for that biennium, the  
8 baseline budget is the total amount of General Fund moneys appropriated in the legislatively  
9 adopted budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007.

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