

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Nelson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and as Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 24 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Nelson

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Meeting Date: June 15, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies that new or increased state agency fees adopted following adjournment sine die of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly will be rescinded on adjournment sine die of the next regular session unless authorized by legislation. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process used for fee ratification
- Definition of “legislatively adopted” and “legislatively approved” budgets

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds provision for fee ratification of legislatively approved budget. Provides definitions of “legislatively adopted” and “legislatively approved” budgets.

BACKGROUND: Through a constitutional amendment in 2010, the Legislative Assembly now meets in regular session every year, not just odd-numbered years. Under current statutes, fees established or raised during the interim are not reviewed by the Legislature until the next regular session in an odd-numbered year. The measure adjusts the dates for the review of administratively established new fees or fee increases that are not explicitly or implicitly assumed in the legislatively adopted or legislatively approved budget.