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CONSENSUS ESTIMATING CONFERENCES; BUDGET

Sponsor Statement

The Alaska executive budget act requires the governor and state agencies to use performance data in its budgeting process and to provide such information to the legislature for its budget deliberations. Unfortunately, the Act is vague and has not produced a results-based state budget. Data provided by executive departments is insufficient for use by the legislature in its budget deliberations or for state agency program evaluation, planning and budgeting.

HB 194 clearly identifies the responsibilities of the executive and the legislature for results-based budgeting. The governor, OMB, and agencies will produce agency strategic, performance, and financial plans. The legislature will clearly identify service, program, and financial goals and issue these goals and measurements for them to use in their strategic, performance, and financial plans.

State agencies, boards, and commissions will submit to the legislature a 4-year strategic plan, a performance plan, and a financial plan. The plans will include detailed data about receipts and expenditures not currently available to the legislature.

HB 194 requires the Governor's and legislature's budget to be organized by program and service of each agency and include financial, program, and service cost and measured results for each. Utah's appropriations bills follow this organization and are part of a system of governance that makes Utah consistently one of the best performing states in the nation.

HB 194 adds a new section of law to require the Governor to submit alternate budget plans based on sustainable revenue estimates. The bill also requires non-recurring revenue to be spent only on capital or one-time expenditures or savings. This will act as a statutory spending limit.

HB 194 adds a new section of law that creates a consensus estimating process. Consensus estimating conferences are created in the legislature for economic and demographic forecasts, revenue estimates, and expenditure estimates for education, criminal justice, social services, and retirement costs. Conferences produce official information that must be used for the budget.

HB 194 adds special impact estimating conferences that can be requested by the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate to evaluate a legislative proposal. The official information from a special impact conference will serve as a replacement fiscal note.