

**HOUSE BILL NO. 541**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Introduced: 3/24/04**

**Referred: State Affairs, House Special Committee on Ways and Means, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to consideration by the legislature of the executive budget and other**  
2 **bills affecting appropriations; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 37.07.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) It is not in order in the house of representatives, the senate, or in the  
6 finance committees of those houses to consider any budget amendment increasing an  
7 appropriation to finance state agency budgets unless

8 (1) an offsetting amendment is adopted that reduces the unobligated  
9 and unexpended balance of a valid existing appropriation;

10 (2) an offsetting amendment is adopted that reduces another  
11 component within the state agency budgets; or

12 (3) the legislature has affirmatively voted on final passage for one or  
13 more bills that would raise new revenue necessary to cover the increased  
14 appropriations related to the budget amendment, if the bill was enacted into law.

1 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.08.035 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

2 (f) Before a bill that would result in an increased appropriation is reported to  
3 the rules committee of each house, there shall be attached to the fiscal note of the bill  
4 one or more proposed bills that, if enacted into law, would provide

5 (1) an offsetting amendment to reduce the unobligated and unexpended  
6 balance of a valid existing appropriation;

7 (2) an offsetting amendment to reduce a component within a state  
8 agency budget; or

9 (3) new revenue necessary to cover the increased appropriations  
10 related to the bill for which the fiscal note was prepared.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).