

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 16, 2018
10:05 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair MacKinnon called the Senate Finance Committee meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Lyman Hoffman, Co-Chair
Senator Anna MacKinnon, Co-Chair
Senator Click Bishop, Vice-Chair
Senator Peter Micciche
Senator Donny Olson
Senator Gary Stevens
Senator Natasha von Imhof

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Laura Cramer, Staff, Senator Anna MacKinnon.

SUMMARY

SB 196 APPROPRIATION LIMIT

CSSB 196(FIN) was REPORTED out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation and with one previously published fiscal note: FN1 (GOV/VARIOUS).

#sb196

SENATE BILL NO. 196

"An Act relating to an appropriation limit; and providing for an effective date."

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Vice-Chair Bishop MOVED to ADOPT the committee substitute for SB 196, Work Draft 30-LS1022\0 (Wallace, 3/15/18).

Co-Chair MacKinnon OBJECTED for discussion.

LAURA CRAMER, STAFF, SENATOR ANNA MACKINNON, discussed the Summary of Changes (copy on file):

Section 1: Page 1, lines 4 - 8

Intent language that the legislature reevaluate the appropriation limit in three years

Section 3: Page 2, line 14

Statutory Appropriation Limit:

Appropriation Limit excludes appropriations:

- For disaster declarations

Section 4: Page 2, lines 23 - 30

Requires the Governor to submit a report with his operating budget with the calculation of the appropriation limit. The report must be updated with the supplemental appropriation bill and budget amendments

Section 6: Page 3, lines 1 - 5

Applicability language that the appropriation limit and Governor's report applies to Fiscal Year 2020

Section 7: Page 3, lines 6 - 11

Transition language that the calculation of the appropriation limit is not adjusted for inflation and may not exceed \$4,100,000,000 for FY2020

Co-Chair MacKinnon WITHDREW the OBJECTION. There being NO OBJECTION, the proposed committee substitute was adopted.

Vice-Chair Bishop discussed the fiscal note.

Co-Chair MacKinnon OPENED and CLOSED public testimony.

Senator Micciche thanked the committee and felt that there had been healthy discussion about tying in an appropriation limit to the annual budgeting process.

Co-Chair MacKinnon surmised that there was an idea of tying a calculation, so the governor must disclose at the point of the budget introduction, supplemental, and amendments.

Co-Chair MacKinnon remarked that there was a concern about state disasters. She asked for further comment.

Vice-Chair Bishop replied that there was a three-year look-back in Section 1.

Co-Chair MacKinnon announced that the three-year look-back was necessary to be sure that the statutory appropriation limit functioned as intended by the legislature.

Vice-Chair Bishop MOVED to REPORT CS SB 196 (FIN) from committee with individual recommendations and accompanying fiscal note.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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ADJOURNMENT

10:12:43 AM

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.