

HB 2008 - H AMD 312

By Representative Taylor

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1 On page 1, line 6, after "**Sec. 1.**" strike "The" and insert "The
2 legislature finds that appropriations for the state's constitutional
3 K-12 education duty and for other core state services for children
4 should take priority over appropriations for other purposes. For
5 this reason, the legislature intends to establish a priority order
6 for enacting operating appropriations legislation. In addition,
7 the"

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9 On page 1, after line 15, insert the following:

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11 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 The legislature must enact appropriations for state operating
14 expenditures in separate, prioritized appropriations bills as
15 required by this section.

16 (1) Operating appropriations must be enacted in separate bills
17 for the following purposes:

18 (a) First: For basic public education of children in grades
19 kindergarten through twelve;

20 (b) Second: For child welfare services;

21 (c) Third: For pre-kindergarten public education services; and

22 (d) Fourth: For all other purposes.

23 (2) Operating appropriations bills must be enacted in the
24 priority order established in subsection (1) of this section. Before
25 either house of the legislature may take a final vote on legislation
26 that raises state taxes, it must first enact operating
27 appropriations legislation that funds the maximum number of

1 operating appropriations bills in priority order with revenues
2 projected for collection under existing tax laws.

3 (3) To implement the requirements of this section, the
4 legislature must assign agencies to one of the priority categories
5 in subsection (1) of this section. The legislature may divide the
6 activities of an agency among multiple categories, but it is not
7 required to do so.

8 (4) For purposes of this section, "raises state taxes" means any
9 action by the legislature that imposes a new tax, expands a tax
10 base, or increases an existing rate of taxation, including
11 modifications to any tax preference, where such action increases
12 state tax revenue deposited in any state account appropriated in
13 state operating budget legislation.

14 (5) For purposes of this section, revenue projections are made
15 by the economic and revenue forecast council as established in law,
16 or its successor entity."

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18 Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
19 references accordingly.

20 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Declares that the appropriations for the state's
constitutional education duty and other core state services for
children take priority over appropriations for other purposes.
Establishes a priority order by which the Legislature must enact
separate operating appropriations bills, with K-12 public education
first, child welfare second, pre-K public education third, and
appropriations for all other purposes fourth. Requires the
Legislature to enact the appropriations in priority order with
existing revenues before it may take a final vote to raise taxes.

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