

**HB 2008** - H AMD 319

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 (1) of this subsection.

25 (3) To implement the requirements of this section, the  
26 legislature must assign agencies to one of the priority categories  
27 in (1) of this subsection. The legislature may divide the activities

1 of an agency among multiple categories, but it is not required to do  
2 so."

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4       Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct internal  
5 references accordingly.

6       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.

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