

ESSB 5993 - H AMD TO FIN COMM AMD (H-3193.1/19) 900  
By Representative MacEwen

WITHDRAWN 04/27/2019

1 On page 30, after line 5, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 415. RCW 43.88.055 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 8 s 1 are each  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The legislature must adopt a four-year balanced budget as  
5 follows:

6 (a) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the legislature  
7 shall enact a balanced omnibus operating appropriations bill that  
8 leaves, in total, a positive ending fund balance in the general fund  
9 and related funds.

10 (b) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the projected  
11 maintenance level of the omnibus appropriations bill enacted by the  
12 legislature shall not exceed the available fiscal resources for the  
13 next ensuing fiscal biennium.

14 (2) For purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Available fiscal resources" means the beginning general fund  
16 and related fund balances and any fiscal resources estimated for the  
17 general fund and related funds, adjusted for enacted legislation, and  
18 with forecasted revenues adjusted to the greater of (i) the official  
19 general fund and related funds revenue forecast for the ensuing  
20 biennium, or (ii) the official general fund and related funds  
21 forecast for the second fiscal year of the current fiscal biennium,  
22 increased by 4.5 percent for each fiscal year of the ensuing  
23 biennium;

24 (b) "Projected maintenance level" means estimated appropriations  
25 necessary to maintain the continuing costs of program and service  
26 levels either funded in that appropriations bill or mandated by other  
27 state or federal law, and the amount of any general fund moneys  
28 projected to be transferred to the budget stabilization account  
29 pursuant to Article VII, section 12 of the state Constitution, but  
30 does not include in the 2013-2015 and 2015-2017 fiscal biennia the  
31 costs related to the enhanced funding under the new definition of  
32 basic education as established in chapter 548, Laws of 2009, and

1 affirmed by the decision in *Mathew McCleary et al., v. The State of*  
2 *Washington*, 173 Wn.2d 477, 269 P.3d 227, (2012), from which the  
3 short-term exclusion of these obligations is solely for the purposes  
4 of calculating this estimate and does not in any way indicate an  
5 intent to avoid full funding of these obligations;

6 (c) "Related funds," as used in this section, means the  
7 Washington opportunity pathways account, model toxics control  
8 operating account, and the education legacy trust account.

9 (3) Subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section does not apply to  
10 an appropriations bill that makes net reductions in general fund and  
11 related funds appropriations and is enacted between July 1st and  
12 February 15th of any fiscal year.

13 (4) Subsection (1)(b) of this section does not apply in a fiscal  
14 biennium in which money is appropriated from the budget stabilization  
15 account.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 416.** Section 415 of this act takes effect  
17 July 1, 2021."

18 On page 30, line 29, after "**419.**" strike "This" and insert  
19 "Except for section 415 of this act, this"

20 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any  
21 internal references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Makes the Model Toxics Control Operating Account subject  
to the four-year outlook, effective July 1, 2021.

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