

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

HB 562

2020 Regular Session

Edmonds

Present law requires the executive budget supporting document to include expenditures for each agency, itemized by category. Requires the General Appropriation Bill and the bill appropriating funds for ancillary expenses of state government to include the allocation of expenditures by category for all state agencies except those in higher education and the Health Care Services Division.

Proposed law would have required that the amount included in the supporting document in the personal services expenditure category shall be the initial amount allocated in the bills for personal services for the ensuing fiscal year.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of administration to review and approve the initial allocation of expenditures for each appropriation for a fiscal year.

Proposed law would have required the commissioner to review and approve the initial allocation of expenditures by expenditure category contained in the General Appropriation Act and the act appropriating funds for ancillary expenses of state government.

Proposed law would have prohibited any changes in expenditures or any transfer of expenditures in or out of the personal services expenditure category from exceeding 10% of the agency's initial allocation to the personal services expenditure category for the fiscal year.

(Proposed to amend R.S. 39:51(C) and 57.1(B); proposed to add R.S. 39:57.1(C))

VETO MESSAGE:

"Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 562 of the 2020 Regular Session.

House Bill 562 restricts the ability of executive branch agencies to transfer funds within their appropriated budgets. This unnecessary restriction would limit the ability of state agencies to properly respond to events that may develop over a budget year, such as natural disasters. Further, the author of the bill did not provide any explanation of why this bill was needed for the executive branch, but not for the other branches of government."