
DIGEST

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Abstract: Raises the mineral revenue base used to determine when mineral revenues are deposited into the Budget Stabilization Fund from \$850 M to \$940,715,000 and dedicates the difference between the old base and new base to transportation and higher education.

Present constitution establishes the Budget Stabilization Fund (the BSF) and determines the revenues to be deposited into the fund. Requires mineral revenues over a "base amount" to be deposited into the BSF. Sets the base amount and allows the base amount to be increased every 10 years beginning in 2000 by law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the legislature. Base amount increases are limited to 50% of the aggregate of the consumer price index (CPI) for the last 10 years.

Present law sets the "base amount" at \$850 M and allows the base to be increased beginning in 2014.

Proposed law increases the "base amount" from \$850 M to \$940,715,000 and allows the base to be increased every 10 years beginning in 2025.

Proposed law dedicates the difference between \$850 M and the new "base amount" into a special fund created in the state treasury to be known as the Better Highways and Higher Education Fund. The money in the fund is required to be appropriated by the legislature each fiscal year to be used solely as follows:

- (1) 50% to the Transportation Trust Fund for the costs of construction or maintenance of projects in the Highway Priority Program.
- (2) 50% to the higher education management boards, their respective institutions, LUMCON, and the Office of Student Financial Assistance in amounts and for purposes specified in a plan and formula for the distribution of these funds as approved by the Board of Regents pursuant to present constitution.

(Amends R.S. 39:94(A)(2)(a)(intro. para.) and (b); Adds R.S. 39:100.141)