

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

BUDGETARY CONTROLS: Provides for the expenditure limit for FY 2024-2025

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 To direct the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year
3 2024-2025.
4 WHEREAS, the expenditure limit established in January of this year for Fiscal Year
5 2023-2024 is Sixteen Billion Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Million Seven Hundred Twenty-
6 One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$16,497,721,252.00); and
7 WHEREAS, to accommodate unprecedented revenue receipts the legislature is
8 debating increasing the expenditure limits for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024
9 pursuant to the power granted in Article VII, Section 10(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana further provides that each year the
12 expenditure limit for the next fiscal year is calculated using the prior year's limit as the base
13 and applying a positive growth factor to such base; and
14 WHEREAS, this constitutional formula applies any new, higher expenditure limit
15 set by the legislature for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as the base for the calculation of the Fiscal
16 Year 2024-2025 expenditure limit, thereby perpetuating the impact of this unexpected
17 financial windfall; and
18 WHEREAS, to prevent artificial inflation of the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year
19 2024-2025, the limit for that year should be reduced to an amount in line with the originally
20 calculated expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 adjusted by recent average
21 percentage growth in personal income; and

1 WHEREAS, the most recent growth factors used to calculate the last three
2 expenditure limits are 3.83% for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, 5.78% for Fiscal Year 2022-2023,
3 and 4.66% for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and applying the mathematical average of such rates
4 to the original Fiscal Year 2023-2024 expenditure limit yields a projected limit of Seventeen
5 Billion Two Hundred Eighty-Two Million Four Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Eight
6 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$17,282,462,860.00); and

7 WHEREAS, R.S. 39:52.1 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that
8 a change to the expenditure limit shall be made pursuant to a concurrent resolution adopted
9 by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house directing the
10 commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit to a designated amount for
11 a specified fiscal year.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of
13 the elected members of each house concurring, does hereby direct the commissioner of
14 administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to Seventeen
15 Billion Two Hundred Eighty-Two Million Four Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Eight
16 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$17,282,462,860.00).

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution shall become
18 effective March 1, 2024.

DIGEST

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Effective March 1, 2024, directs the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to \$17,282,462,860.