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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 295** HLS 25RS 874
Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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APPROPRIATIONS

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(Constitutional Amendment) Limits the amount of State General Fund (Direct) revenues that may be appropriated in a fiscal year for recurring expenses and restricts use of such revenues above that limit

Current Constitution requires the Division of Administration to provide for the determination of an Expenditure Limit, prohibits appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds from exceeding the official forecast at the time the appropriations are made, establishes timing and content requirements for the governor’s annual proposed budget, and prohibits the proposed budget from exceeding the lesser of the official forecast or the Expenditure Limit for the fiscal year being appropriated.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment establishes, for FY 28 and each year thereafter, a Government Growth Limit, provides that the legislature shall establish procedures by law for the calculation, provides for changes to the limit, provides for exclusions from the limit, sets the limit in FY 28, and provides for exclusions from the limit.

To be submitted to the electors at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0				\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment would serve to restrict the legislature’s ability and flexibility to appropriate the entirety of state revenues available for expenditure. Beginning in FY 28, the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) would establish the Government Growth Limit no later than the first quarter of the calendar year for the next fiscal year based on the calculation submitted by the Commissioner of Administration. Appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) above this limit can only be made (up to the Expenditure Limit or official revenue forecast) for certain nonrecurring purposes.

The calculation procedure for the Government Growth Limit shall be established in law by the legislature. The Government Growth Limit can never exceed the Expenditure Limit, even if the Expenditure Limit is intentionally lowered by an act of the legislature. If the Government Growth Limit calculation is greater than the Expenditure Limit, it will be set to an amount equal to the Expenditure Limit.

If the amount of recurring revenue available for appropriation exceeds the Government Growth Limit but remains under the Expenditure Limit, those revenues may only be appropriated for nonrecurring expenditures. These are defined in the measure as expenses which are not of a continuing or recurring character and are not expected to be necessary for approximately the same amounts each year during the normal course of administration. **Note: the expenditures defined as nonrecurring in this measure are not the same as the six restricted uses for revenues recognized as nonrecurring by the REC found in the current Constitution under Article VII Section 10 (D)(2).**

Proposed Constitutional Amendment provides that the Government Growth Limit may be changed by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house through a specific legislative instrument. The Government Growth Limit may only be changed in years in which the growth factor in any of the three immediately preceding fiscal years was less than two and one-half percent.

Note: The Secretary of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the Secretary of State typically budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions for the fall statewide elections. To the extent the ballot includes more than 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions, the Secretary of State may require additional SGF resources for the November 3, 2026, statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 27.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. State General Fund (Direct) forecasted above the Government Growth Limit and below the Expenditure Limit may only be appropriated for nonrecurring expenses. The measure defines “nonrecurring expenses” as one that is not of a continuing or recurring character and is not expected to be necessary in approximately the same amounts each year during the normal course of administration.

Senate

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

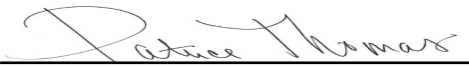
☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

Dual Referral Rules

House

☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}



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