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<b>Subject:</b> Expenditure Limit	

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 Reduces the expenditure limit for FY 2013-2014

Current law specifies that the expenditure limit for the ensuing fiscal year shall be the limit for the current fiscal year multiplied by a positive growth factor. The growth factor is defined as the average annual percentage rate of change of personal income for Louisiana for the three calendar years prior to the fiscal year for which the limit is calculated. The U.S. Department of Commerce defines and reports personal income for the state. The limit is calculated once a year at the beginning of the calendar year for use in the ensuing fiscal year. The limit applies to appropriations of all money required to be deposited in the state treasury except federal sourced funds, higher education self-generated revenue, interagency transfers, and the constitutional allocations to the parish severance tax and royalty receipt distributions. The limit for FY14 is \$15,686,646,424.

Proposed law establishes the expenditure limit for FY14 at \$12,916,140,654 for purposes of calculating the limit for FY15 and thereafter.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Under current law, the expenditure limit for FY15 will grow from its current FY14 level. This calculation will be done approximately half way through FY14, based on the official release of state personal income estimates by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis in late December 2013. Using current projections of those personal income estimates, a projected expenditure limit for FY15 would be \$16.264 billion (3.68% growth, \$577.4 million growth).

This resolution re-bases the FY14 limit from which the FY15 limit will be calculated. Applying the projected growth rate above, the resolution would result in an FY15 limit projection of \$13.391 billion. This projected FY15 limit is 3.68% greater than the re-based FY14 limit required by the resolution, but is some \$2.295 billion less than the current FY14 limit and some \$2.872 billion less than the projected FY15 limit.

Lowering the limit applicable to FY15 to the extent done by this resolution may constrain FY15 appropriations subject to the limit. A substantial share of total appropriations are not subject to the limit (federal sourced funds, higher education tuition, transfers among agencies, etc.), and a projection of those that are subject to the limit is not available for FY15. However, a sense of what the new limit provided by this resolution may allow can be gained by comparing the projected limit for FY15 under this resolution (\$13.391 billion) to the appropriations subject to the limit in FY13 (\$11.300 billion). That difference is some \$2.091 billion, implying 18.5% growth over the two year period from the FY13 appropriations to the FY15 limit projected under the provisions of this resolution.

Thus, this resolution may limit appropriations subject to the limit to about 18.5% growth from the current year FY13 to the effective year of FY15, or roughly 9% growth per year over the next two years. After that, appropriations subject to the limit would be allowed to grow on the basis of the three-year moving average of state personal income growth provided in current law.

Appropriations subject to the limit have been relatively stable in recent years at \$11.300 billion for FY13, \$11.242 billion for FY12, \$11.421 billion for FY11, and \$11.221 billion for FY10 after peaking at \$12.195 billion for FY09.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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