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Bill Summary

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Overview

HF 721 allows for school district referendums to include authority for annual revenue increases based on the rate of inflation. The inflationary increase provision would only apply to existing referendums with approval through another referendum election.

Section

- 1 **Referendum revenue limit.** Provides for annual inflationary increases in referendum revenue limits.
- 2 **Referendum revenue; ballot question.** Provides that a school referendum ballot question may state that the referendum revenue per pupil may increase by the rate of inflation. (Current law allows for the ballot to state a schedule of annual increases; the proposed inflationary increase language would be in-lieu of a schedule of increases.)
- 3 **Inflationary increase.** (a) Requires that school boards intending to adopt the inflationary increase authority do so by resolution each year

(b) Specifies the formula for determining the allowable inflationary increase, which is based on the increase in the consumer price index for the most recent 12-month period.
- 4 **Inflationary adjustment; districts with existing referendum authority.** Provides that a district with existing referendum authority may hold an election to authorize inflationary increases.

