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Overview

Provides that appropriations ending June 30 of odd-numbered years continue into future fiscal years unless changed by law.

Section

- 1** **Continuing appropriations.** Provides that an appropriation for an odd-numbered year remains in effect at the base level for future years unless a law is enacted eliminating or amending the appropriation, or providing a new appropriation for the same purpose.

The base level is determined as provided in existing Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.11, subdivision 3, which refers to the way that base appropriations are displayed in the detailed budget information the governor submits to the legislature. The relevant part of section 16A.11 provides:

"Tables listing expenditures for the next biennium must show the appropriation base for each year. The appropriation base is the amount appropriated for the second year of the current biennium. The tables must separately show any adjustments to the base required by current law or policies of the commissioner of finance."

The bill specifies that the base level for one-time appropriations is zero.