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Overview

Provides that if a major appropriation bill to fund an agency is not enacted by July 1 of an odd-numbered year, appropriations for agency operations and programs continue for the following fiscal year.

Section

- 1** **Continuing appropriations.** Provides that if a major appropriation bill to fund a state agency for the next biennium is not enacted by July 1 of an odd-numbered year, amounts sufficient to continue operation of the agency (and programs administered by the agency) continue through June 30 of the next even-numbered year at the base level.

The base level is determined as provided in previous appropriations act and 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.

