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Overview

This bill provides that appropriations customarily enacted in a major budget bill would be reauthorized at the base level for one additional fiscal year if the legislature and governor do not enact a new bill before the next biennium begins. This may avert a government shutdown by automatically continuing funding for state government operations.

Section

1 Continuing appropriations.

Subdivision 1. Appropriations continue for one year. Provides that if a major appropriation bill is not enacted by July 1 of an odd-numbered year (i.e. the start of a new biennium), the existing appropriations in that budget area remain in effect at the base level for one additional year.

Subd. 2. Exceptions and adjustments. Specifies conditions (e.g. one-time appropriations) under which appropriations would not continue automatically. Authorizes the commissioner of management and budget to make certain technical adjustments to base spending levels.

Subd. 3. Statutory appropriations. Clarifies that statutory appropriations continue as required under current law and are not limited by subdivision 1. Programs funded in current law by statutory (ongoing) appropriations from the general fund include general obligation bond debt service, local government aid, property tax credits, and general education aid. In current law, there are also statutory appropriations from other funds in the state treasury.