

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Withholding of pay of certain state elected officials and prohibiting the reimbursement of certain legislator expenses; acceptance of certain political contributions by certain elective state officials and committees; deadlines for the transmittal of the Building Commission's long-range state building program recommendations and the delivery of the governor's biennial budget message; submission of a report on the timeliness of the submittal of agency biennial budget requests; legislative consideration of biennial budget bill; operation of legislature before passage of biennial budget bill; and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Because the bill would first apply to the 2009-11 budget, it would have no effect on the 2007-09 biennium.

The bill would delay salary payments to legislators, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and Attorney General if the Legislature has not passed the budget bill before August 1 of the odd-numbered year. These withheld salary payments would be received by the earlier of the date of passage of the budget bill or on the last day of the legislative session. The bill would deny the payment of legislative per diems during the period of budget delay, as well as actual and necessary expenses for service on legislative committees for days on which legislative per diems are not claimed. These provisions could result in an unknown amount of reduced per diem and expense claims and increased interest earnings on delayed payments of salaries. However, any amount would depend on whether the Legislature would pass a future budget after August 1.

The bill would require an incumbent Governor to introduce the budget bill by mid-January and a new Governor to introduce the budget bill by the end of January. This would give the Legislature at least six months to pass a budget before the salary delay and expense denial provisions of the bill would come into effect.

Other provisions of the bill relating to nonfiscal policy and private or local measures would have an indeterminate fiscal effect, because any change in state costs or revenues would depend on the nature of the items affected by the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications