

STATE EXPENDITURE LIMIT COMMITTEE

November 22, 2013

J.A. Cherberg Building, Senate Hearing Room 1

Members Present: Representative Gary Alexander; Noah Purcell, Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General (*Attorney General's designee*); Representative Ross Hunter; David Schumacher, Director, Office of Financial Management; Senator Andy Hill, and Senator James Hargrove.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by David Schumacher, Chair of the committee. Members were introduced.

Work Session:

Melissa Palmer (*staff, House Office of Program Research*) presented the proposal for the calculation of the expenditure limits and responded to members' questions. David Johnson (*staff, House Office of Program Research*) also responded to members' questions (*See PowerPoint presentation "Adjusting and Projecting the State Expenditure Limit, November 2013" and the "State Expenditure Limit (Fiscal Year 2013, 2014, 2015)" detail document.*)

Representative Hunter asked a question regarding the specifics of the expenditure limit calculation.

Senator Hargrove asked for clarification about what happens when spending is over the expenditure limit, and where excess funds go if spending is under the expenditure limit.

Noah Purcell asked a question regarding "close calls" where something constitutes a cost shift.

Representative Alexander asked what happens when the expenditure limit is less than spending. Additional detail slide was distributed (*see slide 20 in PowerPoint presentation "Adjusting and Projecting the State Expenditure Limit, November 2013"*).

Senator Hargrove asked if there are provisions in the law for spending in unusual circumstances, such as disasters. Senator Hargrove followed up by asking if staff spends time identifying and evaluating different ways an expenditure limit could be calculated.

Executive Session:

Representative Hunter moved that the minutes of the November 29, 2012, meeting be adopted. Seconded by David Schumacher. The minutes were adopted by voice vote.

Representative Hunter moved that the expenditure limits as adjusted and projected by staff in the presentation be adopted. Seconded by David Schumacher. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

David Schumacher put the election of a new chair before the committee. Representative Hunter nominated David Schumacher to be elected committee chair. No other candidates were nominated and David Schumacher was elected as chair by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS ON FILE WITH THE COMMITTEE