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Introduction and first reading
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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to state government; requiring adjustments for inflation to budget forecasts;
- 1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.103, subdivisions 1a, 1b.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.103, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 1a. **Forecast parameters.** The forecast must assume the continuation of current
- 1.7 laws and reasonable estimates of projected growth in the national and state economies and
- 1.8 affected populations. Revenue must be estimated for all sources provided for in current law.
- 1.9 Expenditures must be estimated for all obligations imposed by law and those projected to
- 1.10 occur as a result of inflation and variables outside the control of the legislature. ~~Expenditure~~
- 1.11 ~~estimates must not include an allowance for inflation.~~
- 1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.103, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:
- 1.13 Subd. 1b. **Forecast variable.** In determining the rate of inflation, the application of
- 1.14 inflation, the amount of state bonding as it affects debt service, the calculation of investment
- 1.15 income, and the other variables to be included in the expenditure part of the forecast, the
- 1.16 commissioner must consult with the chairs and lead minority members of the senate State
- 1.17 Government Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means
- 1.18 Committee, and legislative fiscal staff. This consultation must occur at least three weeks
- 1.19 before the forecast is to be released. No later than two weeks prior to the release of the
- 1.20 forecast, the commissioner must inform the chairs and lead minority members of the senate
- 1.21 State Government Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means

- 2.1 Committee, and legislative fiscal staff of any changes in these variables from the previous
- 2.2 forecast.