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A bill for an act

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relating to state government; requiring the state forecast include the rate of

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inflation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16A.103, subdivisions

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1a, 1b.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16A.103, subdivision 1a, is amended to

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read:

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Subd. 1a. **Forecast parameters.** The forecast must assume the continuation of

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current laws and reasonable estimates of projected growth in the national and state

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economies and affected populations. Revenue must be estimated for all sources provided

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for in current law. Expenditures must be estimated for all obligations imposed by law and

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those projected to occur as a result of inflation and variables outside the control of the

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legislature. ~~Expenditure estimates must not include an allowance for inflation.~~

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16A.103, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

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Subd. 1b. **Forecast variable.** In determining the rate of inflation, the application

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of inflation, the amount of state bonding as it affects debt service, the calculation of

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investment income, and the other variables to be included in the expenditure part of the

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forecast, the commissioner must consult with the chairs and lead minority members of the

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senate State Government Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and

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Means Committee, and legislative fiscal staff. This consultation must occur at least three

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weeks before the forecast is to be released. No later than two weeks prior to the release of

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the forecast, the commissioner must inform the chairs and lead minority members of the

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senate State Government Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and

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