

STATE EXPENDITURE LIMIT COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 29, 2011

John A. Cherberg Building, Senate Hearing Room 3

Members Present: Representative Gary Alexander; Representative Ross Hunter; Maureen Hart, Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General (*Attorney General's designee*); Marty Brown, Director, Office of Financial Management; Senator Ed Murray; and Senator Joseph Zarelli (*by conference call*).

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Marty Brown, Chair pro tem of the committee.

Work Session:

Bryon Moore (*staff, Senate Committee Services*) and Dave Johnson (*staff, Office of Program Research*) presented the proposal for the calculation of the expenditure limits. (*See PowerPoint presentation "Adjusting and Projecting the State Expenditure Limit and the "State Expenditure Limit (Fiscal Years 2011, 2012 and 2013" adjustments document.*)

Maureen Hart asked a question on actual expenditures capped at appropriations.

Representative Hunter asked a question regarding next year's baseline figure and tuition setting authority (8:41). Bryon Moore responded. Representative Alexander asked about Federal funding the relation to the state expenditure limit (8:44). Dave Johnson responded. Representative Hunter then asked what happens in 2014 when federal eligibility for Medicaid expands and costs that the state is currently bearing at the state level are shifted to the federal level in regards to the expenditure limit (8:46). Dave Johnson responded.

Executive Session:

Representative Hunter moved that the minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting be adopted. Seconded by Senator Murray. The minutes were adopted.

Representative Hunter moved that the expenditure limit as adjusted and projected by staff in the presentation be adopted. Seconded by Senator Murray. The motion was adopted.

Marty Brown put the election of a new chair before the committee. Representative Hunter nominated Marty Brown for chair of the committee. Senator Murray seconded the nomination. No other candidates were nominated and Marty Brown was elected as chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

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