

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION HCR1006

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the appropriations process; making findings regarding appropriations made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003; calling for action by Legislature to eliminate projected budget shortfall; requesting implementation of zero-based budgeting system; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, the Legislature made appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, in the amount of Five Billion Five Hundred Thirty-two Million Ninety-five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$5,532,095,223.00), exclusive of supplemental appropriations; and

WHEREAS, changes in the United States economy have resulted in significant declines in many revenue sources used as the basis for making the appropriations to the agencies, boards, commissions, departments and other entities of state government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the decline in collections is having an adverse impact within the context of the FY '03 state budget, with significant adverse consequences to common education; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable fiscal policy to make every possible effort to avoid the impact to state agency and local school district budgets that reductions within the FY '03 budget could produce; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor should take such steps as may be necessary in order to meet the commitments for funding represented by the FY '03 budget and appropriation level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Legislature should implement a zero-based budget system, similar to that proposed by Governor Henry as part of the FY '04 executive budget in order to require justification by government entities for all items of appropriation.

THAT the Legislature take such steps as may be required to find methods for eliminating the projected difference between the FY '03 appropriations level and the amount of revenue projected for collection during FY '03, without proposals for raising revenue.

THAT the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the House of Representatives and the Appropriations Committee of the State Senate implement a zero-based budget method that requires justification and explanation of each item of appropriation requested by the agencies, boards, commissions, departments and other entities of state government, including common education.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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