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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state finance; requiring the commissioner of finance to adjust for
1.3 projected inflation in forecasting state expenditures; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2006, section 16A.103, subdivisions 1a, 1b.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16A.103, subdivision 1a, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 1a. **Forecast parameters.** The forecast must assume the continuation of
1.9 current laws and reasonable estimates of projected growth in the national and state
1.10 economies and affected populations. Revenue must be estimated for all sources provided
1.11 for in current law. Expenditures must be estimated for all obligations imposed by law and
1.12 those projected to occur as a result of inflation and other variables outside the control of
1.13 the legislature. ~~Expenditure estimates must not include an allowance for inflation. A~~
1.14 general inflation estimate must not include inflation on debt service or on programs for
1.15 which a statutory growth factor is already included in the forecast.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16A.103, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 1b. **Forecast variable.** In determining the rate of inflation, the application
1.19 of inflation, the amount of state bonding as it affects debt service, the calculation of
1.20 investment income, and the other variables to be included in the expenditure part of the
1.21 forecast, the commissioner must consult with the chairs and lead minority members of the
1.22 senate ~~State Government~~ Finance Committee and the house Ways and Means Committee,
1.23 and legislative fiscal staff. This consultation must occur at least three weeks before the

2.1 forecast is to be released. No later than two weeks prior to the release of the forecast,
2.2 the commissioner must inform the chairs and lead minority members of the senate
2.3 ~~State Government~~ Finance Committee and the house Ways and Means Committee, and
2.4 legislative fiscal staff of any changes in these variables from the previous forecast.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.