

Legislative Newsletter

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De-appropriation Bill Passes From Senate to House

Activity in the Legislature picked up this week as both the House and Senate rolled out amended versions of the Governor's de-appropriations bill. The Governor's recommendations are to cut \$88.2 million and \$25 million in transfers. The Senate passed out Senate File 130 Thursday afternoon before adjournment for the week. The House is expected to take up their version of the bill, House File 118 as early as Jan. 30.

De-appropriation amended proposals now include stripping 35 million from the Department of Human Services (22 from non-Medicaid services, 13 from Medicaid services). To counter these possible cuts, we are proposing to re-submit last session's SF2236, which gave local control to the counties to adjust their property taxes to achieve equalization. The House will offer its own bill, though it's not clear what that proposal will entail.

Urban County representatives will be at the capitol Jan. 31 to meet with local senators and representatives on priorities, including the backfill, mental health funding, and decat funding.

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