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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 1
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Zero-Based Budgeting

House File 1 is part of the House Republicans budget reform plan which was released in September 2009. It requires a zero-based budgeting concept to review all state programs and allow for the elimination or review of every single item of state spending every five years. This will allow the Governor and Legislature to prioritize limited tax revenue to the most important functions of state government.

Section-by-Section Analysis

Section 1. Ongoing Program Review. The first paragraph is the legislative finding that a regular review of programs and projects administered by state government is necessary to determine whether each program or project is effectively and efficiently meeting the needs for which created and whether the needs remain applicable. The second paragraph directs the State Government Committee to propose legislation that will sunset one-fifth of the budget every year. That will mean the entire budget would be sunset every five years.