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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

State of Washington
38th Regular Session

By Messrs. Schaefer, O'Brien, and
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(By Legislative Council Request)

Read first time January 18, 1963, and referred to Committee on
Rules and Order.

1 BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives, the Senate concur-
2 ring, that the joint rules of the Senate and House of Repre-
3 sentatives be amended by adding a new section thereto to be
4 designated Rule and to read as follows:
5 Rule (1) Every bill introduced in the legislature,
6 except appropriation bills, either (a) increasing or decreasing state
7 revenue or (b) increasing or decreasing existing appropriations or
8 fiscal liability shall before any public hearing is held thereon by
9 any standing committee, or if no public hearing is held thereon, be-
10 fore any vote is taken thereon by any standing committee, have at-
11 tached as a fiscal note a statement of the estimated dollar increase
12 or decrease. Upon request of the committee before which a bill is
13 pending, or upon request of a legislator approved by either the com-
14 mittee before which the bill is pending or the house of which he is a
15 member, the fiscal note required by this section shall be prepared by
16 the ways and means committee of the house in which the bill was intro-
17 duced within thirty-six hours after notification: PROVIDED, That an
18 additional time shall be allowed by the body having the bill before
19 it if the bill requires extended research. If, after careful anal-
20 ysis, the ways and means committee determines that no dollar estimate
21 can be provided, the note shall contain a statement to that effect
22 setting forth precisely why such dollar estimates cannot be given.
23 When a fiscal note is prepared it shall be printed, distributed and
24 attached to the bill in the same manner as are amendments. The ways
25 and means committee of either house before which a bill is pending
26 may supplement a fiscal note if the committee deems a change or addi-
27 tion is warranted because of amendment or additional information.