

Caucus Resolution on Constitutional Budget Amendments

WHEREAS, proposed budget amendments would make it more difficult to reform the tax code and ensure that everyone pays their fair share;

WHEREAS, they would increase gridlock by empowering a small number of legislators to block action on important priorities;

WHEREAS, they would increase the likelihood the Legislature will continue to resort to budget gimmicks or one-time fixes;

WHEREAS, they remove flexibility to respond to evolving public needs;

WHEREAS, they restrict the state's ability to respond in a crisis;

WHEREAS, they would lead to short-sighted decisions that prevent investments in our future;

WHEREAS, they threaten our ability to adequately fund schools, safeguard the public health and maintain other critical services;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we oppose any amendment to Minnesota's Constitution that would require a supermajority vote to raise taxes or use reserve funds, or would restrict lawmakers from using available resources.