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Second Special Session Update

The Governor called the legislature back in for a second special session on May 24th. There continues to be little progress on the budget front. The major obstacle for budget writers remains the funding of K-12. Democrats and Republicans cannot agree on how much money to dedicate to K-12 or how to pay for it. Everything else will remain on hold until this issue is resolved.

At this point, it does not appear much will be happening prior to the June 20th Revenue Forecast. Legislators are hoping the Forecast will come in above anticipated levels and provide them with the necessary revenue to craft a compromise go-home budget.

This is all very reminiscent of that last two budget cycles (odd years) where the legislature was unable to finish their business on time and waited to the last minute to pass a biennial budget. The legislature has until midnight June 30th to pass a budget and have it signed by the Governor in order to avoid going into government shutdown mode.

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