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By Mr. Muther of Newton, petition of Lorenz F. Muther, Jr., for legislation to require the preparation and furnishing of a fiscal note as to certain effects of bills reported favorably by joint committees of the General Court or by committees of the Senate or House. Ways and Means (Joint).

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PREPARATION AND FURNISHING OF A FISCAL NOTE AS TO CERTAIN EFFECTS OF BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY BY COMMITTEES IN THE LEGISLATURE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. All bills reported favorably by any committee of  
2 either house of the legislature or by any joint committee which,  
3 to carry out the provisions of such bills, require or would require  
4 the making of sufficient appropriations or increasing or de-  
5 creasing existing appropriations or fiscal liability shall, upon  
6 being so reported, incorporate as a fiscal note a reliable estimate  
7 of the amount thereof. Such estimate shall be made by the  
8 agency receiving or which would receive the appropriation and  
9 shall be forwarded by the chief officer of the agency making the  
10 estimate to the chairman of the reporting committee. Not less  
11 than seven days before forwarding such estimate to the said  
12 chairman the said chief officer of the agency making the estimate  
13 shall furnish a copy of such estimate to the introducer of the bill.  
14 If such introducer shall object to any of the provisions of any  
15 such estimate he shall in writing within five days after the receipt  
16 of the copy thereof advise the said chief officer of his objections  
17 thereto and the said chief officer shall thereupon promptly cause  
18 the estimate to be reviewed and make such changes therein, if  
19 any, as the said chief officer may deem desirable before sub-  
20 mitting such estimate to the said chairman of the reporting  
21 committee.

1 SECTION 2. Any bill increasing or decreasing the revenue of  
2 the commonwealth shall, when favorably reported by any com-  
3 mittee of either house of the legislature or by any joint com-  
4 mittee, incorporate as a fiscal note a reliable estimate of the  
5 anticipated changes in revenue under the provisions of the bill.  
6 Such estimate shall be made by the agency responsible for collect-  
7 ing the revenue.