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Bill 3

MEMORANDUM

TO: Heads of All Departments and Agencies

FROM: Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor

DATE: February 23, 1968

The results of General Fund operations for the month of January indicate that for the third successive month undedicated revenues have failed to equal estimates. After seven months of the present fiscal year revenues are \$58,000 below estimates. If the pattern of the last three months continues, the State will be faced with the possibility of an unbalanced budget. Because of this, I am informing you that until the condition becomes clear through subsequent monthly financial reports, we must be prepared in the event revenues do not reach their level of estimates.

In view of the circumstances, through the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, I am requesting the State Budget Officer to withhold allotment reserves. Through this means I anticipate that we will be able to limit our expenditures and encumbrances to the available revenue as required by statute. The Budget Officer may consider reallocation of reserves when supported by emergency justification.

If undedicated revenues continue to fall short of level predicted, other policies may be necessary.

This directive is not intended to curtail services. It is intended to bring to your attention the actual situation, which means that all State agencies supported by the General Fund need to cooperate in holding down expenditures to the fullest extent possible.