

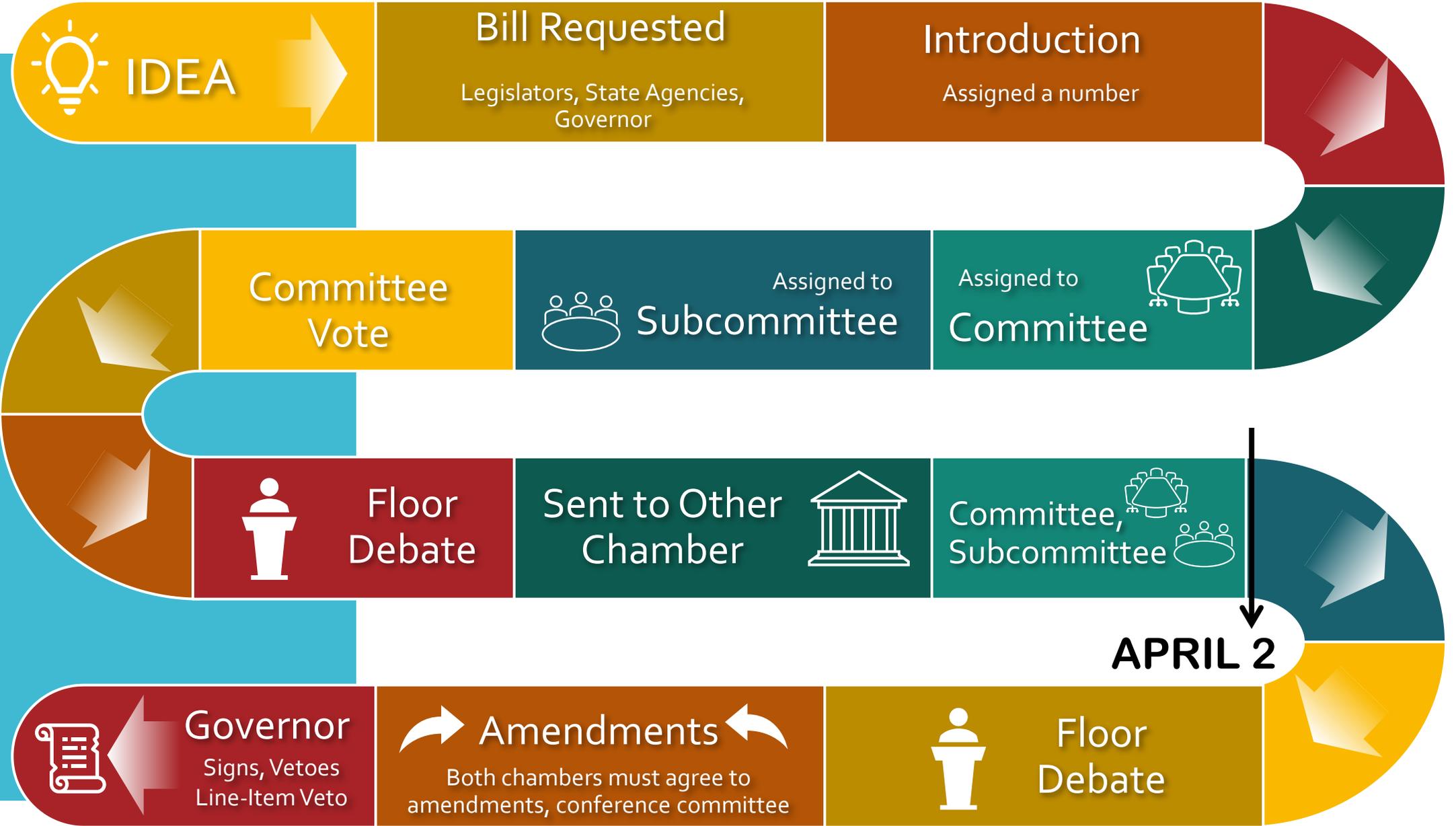


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**APRIL 2**

**APRIL 30 (last paid day)**



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## • REVENUE ESTIMATES – Good News!

- 3-4% growth in budget in next two years.
- Governor's Budget \$8.114 billion (can spend \$8.2 billion)
- Senate Republicans \$7.999 billion
  - Includes \$7 million HCBS provider rates
  - Includes proposed change to MH/DS Regions (\$60 million 2022, \$120 million 2023)

## • SENATE TAX PLAN

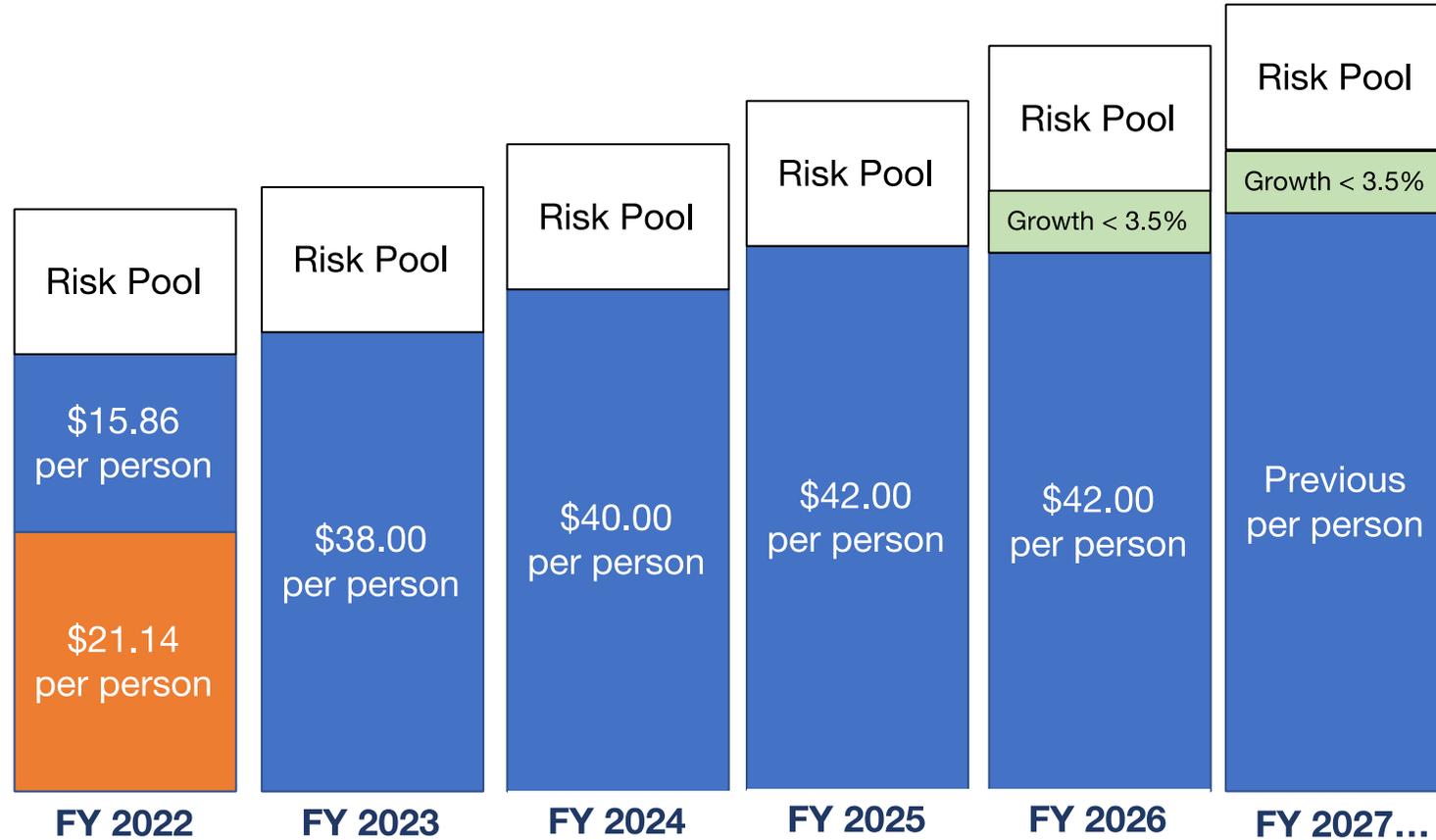
- Ends local property tax for MH/DS Regions.
- Makes system entirely funded by state dollars.
- Creates a risk pool for regions needing more.
- Adds annual growth factor
- No change to regional management
- *Is it predictable?*
- *Is it sustainable?*
- *Is it enough?*
- *Is it fair?*
- *How will it affect your services?*



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**Risk Pool (FY22):** \$9,960,590 + returned funds from regions >40%  
**Risk Pool (FY23):** \$5,170,340 + returned funds from regions >20%  
**Risk Pool (FY24):** % increase in sales tax - 1.5% (up to 3.5%) + returned funds from regions >0%



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## SPOTLIGHT Issues

### ABLE ACCOUNTS (HF 835)

- Allows transfers from other accounts.
- Passed House! 95-0
- Similar SF 527 on Senate Calendar

### ADULT CHANGING STATIONS (HF 492)

- Stuck on House Calendar, not scheduled for debate
- Could add to budget bill

### SERVICE ANIMAL ACCOMMODATIONS (HF 843)

- House Ways & Means Committee
- Allows landlords to move a person asking for accommodation.
- Requires request to be reasonable.
- Included in a bigger eviction sealing bill.

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## ACTION Items

### Housing Voucher Discrimination (SF 252)

- Stops cities and counties from telling landlords they cannot refuse to rent to someone using a federal housing choice voucher.
- Party line EXCEPT Rep. Siegrist & Rep. Gobble voted with Democrats.
- Sent to Governor
- You can ask for a veto in our [Action Center!](#)

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## Federal Funding: Invest in Community Supports!

### Letter to Governor Reynolds about ARPA:

- COVID isolation and stress on people with disabilities and their friends and families.
- Enhanced 10% federal match (called an “FMAP”) for home and community-based services.
- Cannot replace state dollars – must be used to increase current level.
- Invest to maintain and grow community supports.
  - Increase direct care worker wages, hazard pay for staff.
  - Expand funding for transportation.
  - Purchase of PPE
  - Reduce waiver waiting lists (15,068)





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